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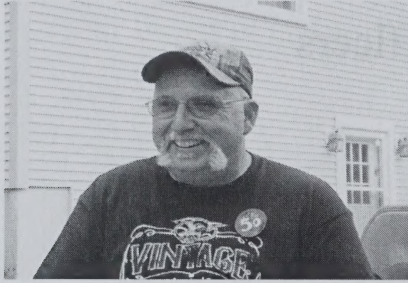
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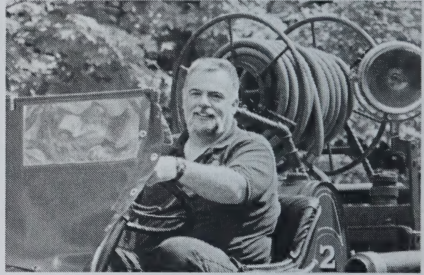
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DEDICATION

This year's dedication is just not for one person but three long time members of the Freedom Volunteer Fire Department. Back before it became the Freedom Fire and Rescue there were only firefighters. These individuals have served the on the department of this town from 30 to 40 years. Although all are on the department there are varying degrees of participation but when the call comes these men step up.



Fire/Rescue Chief Justin Brooks
– 30 years



Firefighter Dusty Boewe –
38 years



Firefighter Scott Brooks – 40 years

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH (BETTY) GODFREY



In 2016, we lost longtime resident Elizabeth (Betty) Godfrey. Betty served the town for 21 years as a Trustee of Trust Funds and was always an enthusiastic participant at Town Meeting. She had a passion for many things; one was genealogy and another was the cemeteries in Freedom. In 1999 the first board of Cemetery Trustees was elected and she served on this board for just under 10 years. Whenever an inquiry would come into the town office regarding someone's historical past, Betty was always the one that we would refer them to. She was a great resource and helped many people piece their family history together. Betty also served as Chairman of the town's Bicentennial Committee for two years and served on various other local committees.

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TOWN OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Moderator: Donald G. Johnson, 2017

Selectmen

Leslie Babb, 2017
Neal Boyle, 2018
Ernest Day Jr, 2019

Town Clerk

A. Elizabeth Priebe, 2019

Treasurer

Janice Britton, 2019

Town Administrator

Karen Hatch

Tax Collector

Annette Babb, 2017
Susan Hoople, Deputy

Administrative Assistant

Janice Zecher

Supervisors of the Checklist

Carol Stansell, 2018
Patricia McCoy, 2020
Daniel Brooks, 2022

Road Agent

Scott Brooks, 2019

Police Chief

Josh Shackford

Cemetery Trustees

Alan Fall, 2017
Dorothy Brooks, 2018
Janice Zecher, 2019

Fire Chief/FF Warden

Justin Brooks

Trustee of Trust Funds

Paul Olzerowicz, 2017
Anne Cunningham, 2019
Patricia McCoy, 2020

Emergency Management

Directors

Kevin Wells

Safety Officer

Kelly McClare

Transfer Station Manager

Justin Brooks

Animal Control

Jon Evans

Town Buildings Custodian

Mark McKinley

Health Officer

Frank Evitts

Zoning Officer

Ned Hatfield

Building Inspector

Dave Senecal

Timothy Cupka, Alt 2018

Dennis Anderson, Alt 2019

Conservation Commission

Paul Elie, 2017

Alice Custard, 2017

John Roman, 2018

Kyle Johnson, 2019

Sarah Tabor, 2019

Cheryl Harris, 2019

Robert Hatch, 2019

Susan Hoople, Alt 2019

Gregory Bossart, Alt 2018

Library Trustees

Paul Mathieu, 2017

Laura Robinson, 2018

Chuck Brooks, 2019

Heritage Commission

Peg Scully, 2017

Robert Smart, 2017

Alan Fall, 2018

Scott Cunningham, 2018

Bonnie Burroughs, 2018

Gale Morris, 2019

Lee Fritz, Alt 2017

Raymond Dahlstrom, Alt 2018

Maureen Elliott Alt, 2019

Phil Griffin Alt, 2019

Ernest Day, Jr., Sel. Rep.

Town Forest Advisory Committee

David Charrette, 2017

Janet Johnson, 2017

Chuck Depew, 2018

Ron Newbury, 2019

Janet Meyers, Alt 2018

Robert Hatch, FCC Rep

Neal Boyle, Sel. Rep.

Peter Park, PB Rep

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

Jim McElroy, 2017

Ned Kucera, 2017

Bruce Howlett, 2018

Gerard Constantino, 2019

William Elliott, 2019

Planning Board

Paul Olzerowicz, 2017

William Elliott, 2017

Jean Marshall, 2017

Paul Elie 2018

Peter Park, 2018

Dann Lewis, 2019

Anne Cunningham, 2019

Les Babb, Sel. Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Scott Lees, 2017

Craig Niiler, 2018

Karl Ogren, 2019

Jacob Stephan, 2019

John Quigley, Alt 2018

2017 BOARD MEETING DATES

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Forest Advisory Board will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 4	May 3	September 6
February 1	June 7	October 4
March 1	July 5	November 1
April 5	August 2	December 6

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

The Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 12	June 8	September 14
March 9	July 13	October 12
May 11	August 10	November 9

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Freedom Conservation Commission will meet on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00 pm at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 17	May 16	September 19
February 21	June 20	October 17
March 21	July 18	November 21
April 18	August 15	December 19

FREEDOM HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Freedom Heritage Commission will meet on the following dates at 6:00 pm at the Freedom Church.

January 12	June 8	November 9
April 13	September 14	

FREEDOM PLANNING BOARD

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Planning Board are held on the third Thursday at the Freedom Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Items submitted either after the deadline or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda. Such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline

December 29, 2016
January 26, 2017
February 23, 2017
March 30, 2017
April 27, 2017
May 25, 2017
June 29, 2017
July 27, 2017
August 31, 2017
September 28, 2017
October 26, 2017
November 30, 2017

Regular Planning Board Meeting

January 19, 2017
February 16, 2017
March 16, 2017
April 20, 2017
May 18, 2017
June 15, 2017
July 20, 2017
August 17, 2017
September 21, 2017
October 19, 2017
November 16, 2017
December 21, 2017

FREEDOM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Zoning Board of Adjustments are held on the fourth Tuesday at the Freedom Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Items submitted either after the deadline or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda. Such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline

January 9, 2017
February 13, 2017
March 13, 2017
April 10, 2017
May 8, 2017
June 12, 2017
July 10, 2017
August 7, 2017
September 11, 2017
October 9, 2017
November 13, 2017
December 11, 2017

Regular ZBA Meeting

January 24, 2017
February 28, 2017
March 28, 2017
April 25, 2017
May 23, 2017
June 27, 2017
July 25, 2017
August 22, 2017
September 26, 2017
October 24, 2017
November 28, 2017
December 26, 2017

RULES OF PROCEDURE

According to RSA 40, the town Moderator determines the procedures to be used in Town Meetings. The Moderator determines the rules without regard to parliamentary or other procedural rules. The voters can overturn the Moderator's rules at any time, however. A motion to overturn the Moderator's rules, or establish new rules, will always take precedence to other business which is already "on the floor".

So that you will know the ground rules by which we are maintaining order, these procedural rules are announced to you ahead of time.

- The Moderator will read each article in its entirety before that article is considered.
- There can be no discussion until there has been a motion under the article. (usually the first motion is to approve the article as it appears on the warrant)
- All motions must be seconded by a different individual.
- Discussion will only take place after a motion has been moved and seconded.
- All discussion must take place only when called upon by the Moderator. You must have permission from the Moderator before you can speak.
- When the Moderator recognizes you, standup, speak out loudly and announce your name before proceeding with your comments.
- If you want to change a portion of a motion, you can do so by making an amendment. We will consider only one move to amend at any given time. When discussion regarding an amendment comes to a conclusion, the amendment will be voted upon. If the amendment passes we will then continue considering the original motion as it has now been amended. If the amendment fails, we will return to considering the motion in its form prior to the motion to amend.
- A secret written ballot will be used on any article when requested by any 5 voters in writing (RSA 40:4-a).
- A vote will be re-tabulated by secret written ballot when requested in writing or orally by only 7 voters (RSA 40:40b). This action must be requested before we have already moved onto the next item of business.

One final word of advice from your Moderator: If you want to get action from the Town Meeting, you have to make a motion. It's okay to get up and ask a question or make a comment (as long as it's relevant to what's on the table), but if you want the Town Meeting to discuss and vote on your idea, you have to get it on the table with a motion. Let's work together to have a successful and efficient meeting.

Thank you,
Donald Johnson, Moderator

TOWN OF FREEDOM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

AND

TOWN MEETING: SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

This year the election of town and school officers was held on Tuesday and Town Meeting was held on Saturday.

219 ballots cast for this election, with 1153 voters on the checklist at the beginning of the day, one new voter registering during the day, totaling 1154 at day's end, for a 19% +/- voter turn-out; (b) the election results are included herein and (c) a write-in candidate must have received a minimum of five (5) votes to be included or have been declared the winner with less than five (5) votes:

TOWN WARRANT 2016 – MINUTES [ABRIDGED]

The Moderator, Don Johnson, opened Town Meeting on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

Moderator Johnson advised the meeting that the Freedom School District had raised and appropriated the total sum of \$3,547,000.00 at their Annual Meeting held at the Freedom Elementary School on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Johnson reviewed the Rules of Procedure and directed the meeting to Page 5 in this year's Town Report.

Moderator Johnson made note of this year's Dedication in the Town Report to G. Wendell Brooks and Howard Bouve, noting neither were present at this meeting due to health reasons, wishing them both well; they were given a round of applause by all present.

Moderator Johnson introduced himself and the other election officials as follows: Daniel ("Bud") Brooks, Carol Stansell and Pat McCoy, Supervisors of the Checklist, Libby Priebe, Town Clerk, John Ratigan, Town Counsel, Les Babb, Neal Boyle and Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen, and election workers Rochelle Brooks, Chuck Brooks and Sue Brown, Deputy Town Clerk. Moderator Johnson confirmed that Bud Brooks had just been re-elected, after serving for 54 years so far!

The Moderator commenced the meeting with the reading of the Warrant into the minutes:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom, in the County of Carroll, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Freedom, on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2016 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon Article I which shall be voting by official ballot for the election of Town officers. The polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. and shall close at 7 p.m., unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7 p.m.

The business meeting to present, discuss and act upon Articles 2 through 21 will commence at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12th, 2016 at the Freedom Town Hall.

The polls were opened at 8am and closed at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 10th, 2016.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot):
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Moderator Johnson announced the election results, as follows:

TOWN OFFICERS:		
Selectman, Three Years (vote for one):	Ernest F. Day, Jr.	205
Ernest F. Day, Jr. declared the winner.		
Town Clerk, Three Years (vote for one):	A. Elizabeth Priebe	212
A. Elizabeth Priebe declared the winner.		
Road Agent, Three years (vote for one):	Scott N. Brooks, Sr.	196
Scott N. Brooks, Sr., declared the winner.		
Town Treasurer, Three years (vote for one):	M. Jayne Britton	200
M. Jayne Britton declared the winner.		
Moderator, Two years (vote for one):	Donald G. Johnson	211
Donald G. Johnson declared the winner.		
Supervisor of the Checklist, Six years (vote for one):		
	Daniel S. Brooks	206
Daniel S. Brooks declared the winner.		

Trustee of the Trust Funds, Three Years (vote for one):
Anne B. Cunningham 192
Anne B. Cunningham declared the winner.

Cemetery Trustee, Three Years (vote for one): Janice G. Zecher 201
Janice G. Zecher declared the winner.

Planning Board Members, Three Years (vote for two):
Anne B. Cunningham 182
Maynard Thomson 15
Anne B. Cunningham and Maynard Thomson were declared the winners.

Library Trustee, Three Years (vote for one): Chuck Brooks 203
Chuck Brooks declared the winner.

Library Trustee, One Year (vote for one): Paul N. Mathieu 206
Paul Mathieu was declared the winner.

SCHOOL OFFICERS:

School District Moderator, One Year (vote for one):
Donald G. Johnson 209
Donald G. Johnson was declared the winner.

School Board Member, Three Years (vote for two):
Lisa R. Charrette 207
write-in: John Krebs 5
Lisa R. Charrette and John Krebs declared the winners.

School Board Member, One Year (vote for one): Gail P. Bizer 201
Gail P. Bizer declared the winner.

School District Auditor, One Year (vote for one):
write-in: Scott Cunningham 19
Scott Cunningham declared the winner.

School District Clerk, One Year (vote for one):
write-in: Dianne Park 10
Dianne Park declared the winner.

The Town Clerk, Libby Priebe, performed a 'swearing in' ceremony for those present, being: Ernest F. Day, Jr., Selectman, Anne B. Cunningham, as Trustee of the Trust Funds and as a Planning Board Member for three years, Scott N. Brooks, Sr., as Road Agent, Chuck Brooks, Library Trustee (3 years), Donald G. Johnson, as Town Moderator for two years and as School District

Moderator for one year, M. Jayne Britton as Town Treasurer, Daniel S. Brooks as Supervisor of the Checklist, Janice G. Zecher as Cemetery Trustee, Scott Cunningham as School District Auditor, and Dianne Park as School District Clerk.

The Moderator, Donald G. Johnson took A. Elizabeth Priebe's oath as Town Clerk.

Article 2: (Bond – to be acted on by separate ballot)

Moderator Johnson explained that this Article requires a two-thirds majority vote to adopt, that the vote is required to be taken in writing, by secret ballot, at the close of discussion, and that once voting started, the 'polls' had to be open for one hour.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,459,015.00 (gross budget) for roadway and drainage improvements to Ossipee Lake and Bennett Road, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,459,015.00 in bonds or notes for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to accept any and all other revenue that may become available for this purpose and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder or take any other action relative thereto. (2/3rds vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Selectman Babb spoke to the Article.

The Moderator stated that seeing no further discussion, we would proceed to vote, reminding those present that a YES vote would mean you were in favor of the Article and a NO vote would mean you were opposed. He explained that once those present had gotten through the checklist line and voted, he would continue the meeting for one hour, then stop, count the ballots and announce the results.

The polls were open from 1:22pm to 2:30pm. For the purposes of these minutes, the results are included in sequential order as follows:

There were 99 total votes cast for this Article, requiring 66 for the Article to pass. There were a total of 87 YES votes and 12 NO votes.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 2: YES, ARTICLE 2 CARRIES.

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,292,567 for General Government for FY 2016 as follows:

General Government

Town Office:

Wages, Fees, Benefits	
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 59,366
Selectmen's Fees	200
Town Clerk Fees	0
Town Clerk Costs	6,000
Deputy Town Clerk	2,700
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	20,000
Salaries - Full Time	82,160
Salaries - Part Time	6,000
Retirement	3,450
Health/Dental Insurance	35,360
Life/Disability Insurance	2,300
Total Wages, Fees, Benefits	217,536
Town Office Expense	<u>47,600</u>
Total Town Office	265,136

Election and Registration	16,800
Legal Expense	15,500
Payroll Taxes	47,638
Planning and Zoning Boards	
Wages - Part Time	1,950
Expense	<u>3,900</u>
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	5,850

Public Buildings:

Wages - Part Time	10,300
Expenses	<u>57,130</u>
Total Public Buildings	67,430

Cemeteries	3,725
Insurance	47,498
Lakes Region Planning Com.	<u>2,271</u>
Total General Government:	471,848

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

Wages, Benefits:	
Salaries - full time	142,080
Salaries - part time	46,000
Overtime/Holiday/Severance	5,614
Retirement	41,000
Health/Dental Insurance	42,308
Life/Disability Insurance	<u>930</u>
Total Wages and Benefits	277,932
Expenses	<u>42,400</u>
Total Police Department	320,332

Fire Department:

Wages, Benefits	
Salaries - Part Time Chief	12,553
Part-Time Station Duty	38,532
Stipend for Response	30,000
Expense	<u>59,850</u>
Total Fire Department	140,935

Ambulance Service	75,989
Building Inspector	14,663
Zoning Officer	6,300
Forest Fire Protection	3,000
Emergency Management & Safety	750
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	6,188
Water Precinct	<u>400</u>
Total Public Safety:	568,557

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:

Highway Department:

Wages and benefits:	
Salaries - Full Time	188,581
Salaries - Part Time	20,323
Salaries - Overtime	52,008
Retirement	6,800
Health/Dental Insurance	115,737
Life/Disability Insurance	3,100
Total Wages and Benefits	386,549

Expenses:	
Rental Equipment	120,362
Contract Services	28,038
Operating Expenses	<u>254,368</u>
Total Expenses:	402,768
Total Highway Department	789,317

Street Lights	<u>12,000</u>
Total Highways and Streets:	12,000

SANITATION:

Transfer Station:	
Wages - Full Time	41,317
Wages - Part Time	12,500
Retirement	1,2400
Health/Dental Insurance	28,934
Life/Disability Insurance	<u>1,000</u>
Total Wages & benefits	84,991

Expenses:	
Engineering	3,500
Transport Materials	90,000
Operating Expenses	<u>17,539</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>111,039</u>
Total Sanitation:	196,030

Health:	
Salary and Expenses	500

Agencies:	
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000
Community Action Program	4,000
White Mt Health Center	1,707
Starting Point	1,418
Red Cross	1,300
Central NH VNA & Hospice	2,500
Ossipee Children's Fund	1,000
Life Flight Foundation	<u>100</u>
Total Health:	15,958

WELFARE:	
Salary	2,000
Town Needy	<u>9,000</u>
Total Welfare	11,000

Parks and Recreation	10,750
Library	78,650
Memorial Day	1,000
Old Home Week	2,000
Heritage Commission	850
Total Culture and Recreation	93,250

Conservation Commission	2,580
Water Quality Testing	3,000
Milfoil Remediation	9,500
Aquatic Invasive Species	<u>750</u>
Total Conservation	15,830

Bond Principal	75,000
Lease Principal	27,521
Bond Interest	14,700
Lease Interest	1,556
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	0
Other Interest	0
Total Debt Service:	118,777

TOTAL FOR ARTICLE 3: \$2,292,567

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Carol Anthony

Selectman Babb spoke to the Article - noting that the budget is up \$39,000.00 this year, stating the Selectmen work hard to keep the budget and tax rate as low as possible and are very sensitive to the numbers. He advised that if all the warrant articles pass, the taxes will go down due to statistical changes in the evaluation and tax payments should remain the same.

The Moderator read each section of the budget article and discussions took place accordingly.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 3: YES, ARTICLE 3 CARRIES.

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,736.00 for this year's contract with R. B. Wood &

Associates, LLC to complete the necessary new construction assessing for the year and statistical update for all properties.

MOTION: Ernest F. Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Carol Anthony

Selectman Day explained that this is the standard article to cover the expense of the assessing.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 4: YES, ARTICLE 4 carries.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,215.00 to purchase and equip a new 4 wheel drive cruiser for the Police Department; and to authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000.00 from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and the balance of \$24,215.00 to come from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Ernest F. Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Selectman Day deferred to Chief Josh Shackford - who explained it is the plan to keep the old cruiser for use by the part-time officers and that it would most likely be used by the part time officers to and from shifts from their homes or will be kept at the station.

Selectman Babb noted that it will be left in rotation so as to not put all the extra mileage on the other, newer cruisers. The oldest cruiser has 104,000 miles on it.

Dan Brooks recommended to the selectmen that they should try to keep to a capital improvement plan so as not to get hit with three big ticket items again, as are on the warrant this year.

Selectman Babb said the Selectmen take all improvements into account when doing the budget process and try to keep the taxes at an even rate and even with these items and the road bond, taxes have remained consistent.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 5: YES, ARTICLE 5 CARRIES.

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$448,000.00 for the purchase of a NFPA 1901 compliant fire engine, this appropriation shall be contingent upon the Town receiving a grant in the amount of \$317,143.00 for this purpose, with the balance of \$130,857.00 to be raised by taxation. Should the grant not be received, this article shall be null and void.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Selectman Babb said it is the intention by this article to replace the oldest non-compliant truck - Engine 7.

Pat McCoy noted that there is a list of Town Owned Equipment on Pages 49 and 50 of this year's Town Report and asked which one of the fire engines listed was being replaced.

Selectman Babb said it is the 1989 Mack.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 6: YES, ARTICLE 6 CARRIES.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 for a highway truck with a dump body and plow.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 7: YES, ARTICLE 7 CARRIES.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

It was noted that this is the standard article.

Discussion

VOTE ON ARTICLE 8: YES, ARTICLE 8 CARRIES.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,000.00 to sealcoat on Town Roads.

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

The Road Agent, Scott Brooks, explained this is the annual maintenance amount.

No further discussion

VOTE ON ARTICLE 9: YES, ARTICLE 9 CARRIES.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00 for road crack sealing on Town Roads.

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Neal explained this is a standard article and very straightforward.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 10: YES, ARTICLE 10 CARRIES.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Mike Gaudette

Neal explained that the money comes from the sale of products from the town forest.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 11: YES, ARTICLE 11 CARRIES.

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,250.00 for maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Mike Gaudette

Selectman Boyle spoke to the Article, stating that the town forest supports itself.

No discussion.

**VOTE ON ARTICLE 12: YES, ARTICLE 12
CARRIES.**

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 to be added to the previously established Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Ernest F. Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Carol Anthony

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, explaining that this money would be added to the existing capital reserve fund having a balance of \$67,852.98.

Karen Babb asked for a clarification of what this money is being held for.

Selectman Babb explained that the current town office building is very cramped, more space needed and at some point the town is either going to have to build a new building or re-do the existing one, as there are space and safety concerns in the old wooden structure.

No further discussion.

**VOTE ON ARTICLE 13: YES, ARTICLE 13
CARRIES.**

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Ernest F. Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, stating this money would be added to the existing fund currently having a balance of \$15,736.89.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 14: YES, ARTICLE 14 CARRIES.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Highway Drainage Structures Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Ernest F. Day, Jr.

SECOND: Cubby Brooks

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, stating this money would be added to the existing fund currently having a balance of \$21,168.51.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 15: YES, ARTICLE 15 CARRIES.

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Ernest F. Day, Jr.

SECOND: Paul Olzerowicz

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, stating this money would be added to the existing fund currently having a balance of \$25,264.99, noting that in Article 5, the meeting had voted to remove \$25,000 from this account for the purchase of the new cruiser.

No further discussion.

**VOTE ON ARTICLE 16: YES, ARTICLE 16
CARRIES.**

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Chuck Brooks, Chairman of the Library Trustees, spoke to the Article, noting that improvements had been made, a tree (or trees) professionally removed, new curbing and three new parking spaces added.

No further discussion.

**VOTE ON ARTICLE 17: YES, ARTICLE 17
CARRIES.**

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of employee health insurance costs under RSA 39:19-a. This account to be named Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for this purpose and furthermore to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Scott Cunningham

Selectman Babb spoke to the Article, noting that health insurance is a huge expense and the Selectmen have been looking at a new model under the Affordable Care Act, looking to potentially establish a fund and be able to self-insure the deductible, saving almost \$82,000 per year in the first year.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 18: YES, ARTICLE 18 CARRIES.

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,350.00 to refurbish the Town's Roller Shed located at the back of School House Hill. This building has been listed in the NH State Register of Historic Places.

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Mike Gaudette

Selectmen Day asked Alan Fall from the Freedom Heritage Commission to speak to the Article and give a brief history of the roller shed.

Mr. Fall stated that he is amazed as to what good condition the roller shed is in, noting it is worth spending money on. He doesn't think anything has been done to the roller shed in the last 50 to 60 years.

Mr. Peterson asked if there were any matching funds available?

Mr. Fall said that there are and they have started the grant process and there may be as much as \$10,000 from the "Moose Plate" money. He is not 100% sure, but it looks good.

Dan Brooks asked if Mr. Fall had seen pictures of the original old building, because it didn't have the cupola on top initially - that was added when the alarm siren came from Conway.

Mr. Fall said that according to what's he's been told, the original roller was sold to a museum in New York State. He would love a replica to display. Mr. Fall noted that the roller shed is used for storage. In the future, perhaps articles in the basement of the current historical building could be displayed in a corner of the roller shed. Mr. Fall noted that NH Preservation is excited about our roller shed, as there may be only three remaining sheds in the state. The sheds were built for the sole purpose of housing the snow rollers for the roads, so when the rollers disappeared, so did most of the sheds.

It was also noted that the roller shed is owned by the Town of Freedom and is listed on Page 51 of this year's Town Report in the Town Owned Property Schedule.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 19: YES, ARTICLE 19 CARRIES.

Article 20: (By petition)

To see if the Town of Freedom will vote to accept the private portion, (approx. 405 feet) at the end of Pauli Point Road as a public road.

MOTION: Mike DeWitt.

SECONDED: Ingrid DeWitt.

Mike DeWitt spoke to the Article, noting there are three residences on the road, one being seasonal, noting there aren't any drainage issues or culverts and would be of minimal expense to the town.

Selectman Babb noted that it is the end of the road and if accepted, he was concerned about the expectation of school buses and other equipment on the road, as there is no turnaround - the turnaround would have to be made on private property in a private driveway.

The Town's Attorney, John Ratigan, was consulted during the meeting as to liability - and said there would be a liability issue

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 20: NO, ARTICLE 20 IS DEFEATED.

Article 21:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Moderator Johnson said there were some announcements to take care of:

Linnie Giles has been awarded the Boston Post Cane. She is the third consecutive member in her family to receive it.

Selectman Babb said he'd like to give recognition to two people who have served the town for many years: Pam Keith for her six years as Town Treasurer and to Scott Brooks for his twenty years as Road Agent.

Mr. Johnson noted the town is looking to fill some alternate positions - two are needed for the zoning board of adjustment and three for the Heritage Commission. There are forms in the town report available to complete to volunteer for service.

As a surprise to Moderator Johnson, Les Babb, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the town - presented Don Johnson with a custom-oak framed copy of the State of New Hampshire's Commemorative Poster Celebrating the State's 100th Year Anniversary of the First in the Nation Primary. Jason Ferry of Freedom made the frame.

Noting today is Don Johnson's birthday - the entire meeting joined in to sing Happy Birthday!

Moderator Johnson noted that the meeting had raised and appropriated the sum of \$4,573,633.00.

Scott Cunningham asked for a straw vote, looking to get an idea as to what the consensus is for town meeting to be held on the traditional Tuesday or on a Saturday.

Moderator Johnson noted that we can do an informational poll only, but it would be non-binding.

Discussion

End result with a show of hands - 36-37 voted in favor of the traditional Tuesday town meeting - 30 voted in favor of 'some other' option. The Moderator noted it was quite evenly split.

Karen Hatch made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN**.

SECONDED by all!

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

A true copy, attest: /s/ A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT 2017

The polls will be open from
9:00am to 7:00pm

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom, in the County of Carroll, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Freedom, on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2017 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon Articles 1 through 3, which shall be voting by official ballot for the election of Town officers and zoning amendments. The polls shall be open from 9:00 a.m. and shall close at 7 p.m., unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7 p.m.

The business meeting to present, discuss, and act upon Articles 4 through 23 will commence at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 18th, 2017 at the Freedom Town Hall.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot):

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: (To vote by Official Ballot):

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Article 904 to remove sections 904.3.3 and 904.4.2, which restrict accessory dwelling units to one bedroom. Add a new section 904.3.3 to require a door (which is not required to be unlocked) between accessory dwelling units that are attached to the primary dwelling. Freedom's zoning ordinance already has provisions for accessory dwelling units (ADUs), but the current ordinance does not comply with all requirements of a new state law, SB 146. This ballot question asks voters to approve two changes required by the law to bring Freedom's regulations into compliance with the new state rules.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 3: (To vote by Official Ballot):

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Add sections 304.6.6.3 to the zoning ordinance to specify how trees can be removed in the shorefront to control storm water run-off to better protect water

quality? The planning board is proposing this to protect the water quality of Freedom's lakes and rivers. While there are state regulations regarding the removal of trees along the water, this amendment will allow the town to enforce these rules (rather than rely on the state to do it).

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 4:

Shall the Town of Freedom vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$250.00 the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Freedom under RSA 72:28.

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,539,891** for General Government for FY 2017 as follows:

	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>APPROP</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>EXP</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>APPROP</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Office:			
Wages, Fees, Benefits:			
Town Officers Salaries	59,366	59,366	61,030
Selectemen's Fees	200		200
Town Clerk Fees	0		
Town Clerk Costs	6,000	3,072	3,000
Deputy Town Clerk	2,700	4,746	2,970
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	20,000	16,927	20,000
Salaries - Full Time	82,160	86,348	88,800
Salaries - Part Time	6,000	5,344	6,000
Retirement	3,450	3,403	3,450
Health/Dental Insurance	35,360	35,909	30,762
Life/Disability Insurance	<u>2,300</u>	<u>1,753</u>	<u>2,300</u>
Total Wages, Fees, Benefits	217,536	216,868	218,512
Town Office Expense	<u>47,600</u>	<u>45,055</u>	<u>46,900</u>
Total Town Office	265,136	261,923	265,412
Election and Registration	16,800	16,354	7,200
Legal Expense	15,500	12,742	14,500
Payroll Taxes	47,638	50,232	51,808
Planning and Zoning Boards:			
Wages - Part Time	1,950	1,602	1,900
Expense	<u>3,900</u>	<u>2,543</u>	<u>3,950</u>
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	5,850	4,145	5,850
Public Buildings:			
Wages - Part Time	10,300	8,104	10,300
Expenses	<u>57,130</u>	<u>39,332</u>	<u>54,870</u>
Total Public Buildings	67,430	47,436	65,170
Cemeteries	3,725	1,480	3,725
Insurance	47,498	47,498	49,962
Lakes Region Planning Commission	<u>2,271</u>	<u>2,271</u>	<u>2,297</u>
Total General Government	471,848	444,081	465,924

	<u>FY2016 APPROP</u>	<u>FY 2016 EXP</u>	<u>FY 2017 APPROP</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Department:			
Wages, Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	142,080	149,234	146,000
Salaries - Part Time	46,000	46,967	50,000
Overtime/Holiday/Severance	5,614	6,465	5,639
Retirement	41,000	39,705	41,000
Health/Dental Insurance	42,308	40,114	28,407
Life/Disability Insurance	<u>930</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>930</u>
Total Wages and Benefits	277,932	283,016	271,976
Expenses	<u>42,400</u>	<u>32,934</u>	<u>37,550</u>
Total Police Department	320,332	315,950	309,526
Fire Department:			
Wages, Benefits			
Salaries - Part Time Chief	12,553	12,553	12,553
Part-Time Station Duty	38,532	39,567	39,500
Stipend for Response	30,000	29,997	30,000
Expense	<u>59,850</u>	<u>52,852</u>	<u>81,350</u>
Total Fire Department	140,935	134,969	163,403
Ambulance Service	75,989	66,304	77,130
Building Inspector	14,663	13,355	16,163
Zoning Officer	6,300	3,340	5,300
Forest Fire Protection	3,000	2,995	3,000
Emergency Management & Safety	750	0	500
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	6,188	6,188	5,909
Water Precinct	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
Total Public Safety	568,557	543,501	581,331
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:			
Highway Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	188,581	188,192	207,081
Salaries - Part Time	20,323	35,241	22,323
Salaries - Overtime	52,008	31,109	54,924
Retirement	6,800	6,127	6,800
Health/Dental Insurance	115,737	106,388	70,063
Life/Disability Insurance	<u>3,100</u>	<u>2,566</u>	<u>3,200</u>
Total Wages and Benefits	386,549	369,623	364,391

	<u>FY2016</u> <u>APPROP</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>EXP</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>APPROP</u>
Expenses:			
Rental Equipment	120,362	128,269	147,096
Contract Services	28,038	29,375	28,038
Operating Expenses	<u>254,368</u>	205,514	272,558
Total Expenses	<u>402,768</u>	<u>363,158</u>	<u>447,692</u>
Total Highway Department	789,317	732,781	812,083
 Street Lights	 <u>12,000</u>	 <u>11,197</u>	 <u>12,000</u>
Total Highways and Streets	801,317	743,978	824,083
 SANITATION:			
Transfer Station:			
Wages - Full Time	41,317	42,453	42,577
Wages - Part Time	12,500	14,057	15,000
Retirement	1,240	1,179	1,240
Health/Dental Insurance	28,934	26,862	24,806
Life/Disability Insurance	<u>1,000</u>	<u>794</u>	<u>1,100</u>
Total Wages and Benefits	84,991	85,345	84,723
Expenses:			
Engineering	3,500	3,500	3,500
Transport Materials	90,000	90,996	105,000
Operating Expenses	<u>17,539</u>	<u>18,438</u>	<u>18,344</u>
Total Expenses	<u>111,039</u>	<u>112,934</u>	<u>126,844</u>
Total Sanitation	196,030	198,279	211,567
 HEALTH:			
Salary and Expenses	500	177	500
Agencies:			
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433	1,433	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000	2,000	2,000
Community Action Program	4,000	4,000	4,250
White Mt Health Center	1,707	1,707	1,599
Starting Point	1,418	1,418	939
Red Cross	1,300	1,300	1,300
Central NH VNA & Hospice	2,500	2,500	2,500
Ossipee Children's Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000
Life Flight Foundation	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>372</u>
Total Health	15,958	15,635	15,893

	<u>FY2016</u> <u>APPROP</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>EXP</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>APPROP</u>
WELFARE:			
Salary	2,000	485	2,000
Town Needy	<u>9,000</u>	<u>7,376</u>	9,000
Total Welfare	11,000	7,861	11,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	10,750	6,761	9,950
Library	78,650	78,650	82,412
Memorial Day	1,000	694	1,000
Old Home Week	2,000	2,000	2,000
Heritage Commission	<u>850</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>850</u>
Total Culture and Recreation	93,250	88,232	96,212
CONSERVATION:			
Conservation Commission	2,580	1,249	2,580
Water Quality Testing	3,000	3,000	3,000
Milfoil Remediation	9,500	9,500	15,000
Aquatic Invasive Species	<u>750</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>750</u>
Total Conservation	15,830	14,211	21,330
DEBT SERVICE:			
Bond Principal - Road	0	0	130,750
Bond Principal - PSB	75,000	75,000	75,000
Lease Principal	27,521	27,521	28,288
Bond Interest - PSB	14,700	14,700	11,700
Bond Interest - Road	0	0	66,024
Lease Interest	1,556	1,556	789
Other Interest	<u>0</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Debt Service	118,777	119,687	312,551
TOTAL ARTICLE 5	2,292,567	2,175,465	2,539,891

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to repurpose One Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$109,738) in unexpended bond proceeds from the One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Fifteen Dollars (\$1,459,015) in bonds authorized by a vote of the Town meeting on March 12, 2016 and issued on July 14, 2016 to finance roadway and drainage improvements to Ossipee Lake and Bennett Road; and to use such unexpended funds currently in fund balance, to finance the replacement of an existing corrugated metal culvert with a precast concrete box culvert at the intersection of Moulton and Youngs Hill Roads. (2/3rds vote required)

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for this year's contract with R.B.Wood & Associates, LLC to complete the necessary new construction assessing for the year and all other assessing duties required for the year.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$425,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a fire engine, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the down payment for that purpose with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. (Majority vote required)

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,000.00 to sealcoat on Town Roads.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00 for road crack sealing on Town Roads.

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000.00 for the crushing of gravel for the use on Town Roads.

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1

Article 14:

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund created in 2016. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 to be added to the previously established Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 to be added to the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Highway Drainage Structures Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 21: (By Petition)

The Lakeview Cemetery Assoc. and its members respectfully request the town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to address urgent needed road improvements for safe access on existing deteriorating roadways.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

Article 22: (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the “Pequawket Trail Bike Path Capital Reserve Fund”, for the purpose of the constructing the proposed Pequawket Trail (PTrail) Bike Path, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the fund, and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Town will need to raise approximately \$120,000 as its 20% share of a NHDOT TAP grant, with 80% of the PTrail project costs to be paid by the NHDOT TAP grant. Project and Financial Readiness must be in place to be used in the scoring of a future NH DOT TAP Grant.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-3

Article 23:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of February in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Seventeen.

A true copy, attest

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

BUDGET

OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION			
General Government			
Executive.....	59,366.....	59,366	61,030
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....	16,800.....	16,354	7,200
Financial Administration.....	205,770.....	202,557	204,381
Revaluation of Property	39,736.....	39,736	30,000
Legal Expenses	15,500.....	12,742	14,500
Personnel Administration.....	47,638.....	50,232	51,808
Planning and Zoning.....	12,150.....	7,485	11,150
General Government Buildings	67,430.....	47,436	65,170
Cemeteries.....	3,725.....	1,480	3,725
Insurance	47,498.....	47,498	49,962
Regional Assoc	2,271.....	2,271	2,297
Public Safety			
Police.....	320,332.....	315,950	309,526
Ambulance	75,989.....	66,304	77,130
Fire	143,935.....	137,965	166,403
Building Inspection.....	14,663.....	13,355	16,163
Emergency Management.....	750.....	0	500
Hydrants, Dam Safety	6,588.....	6,588	6,309
Highway and Streets			
Highway and Street.....	923,317.....	862,851	946,083
Street Lighting.....	12,000.....	11,197	12,000
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Disposal	196,030.....	198,279	211,567
Health			
Health Officer	500.....	177	500
Health Agencies	15,458.....	15,458	15,393
Welfare			
Administration	2,000.....	485	2,000
Vendor Payments & Other.....	9,000.....	7,376	9,000

Culture and Recreation

Parks and Recreation.....	10,750.....	6,761	9,950
Library.....	78,650.....	78,650	82,412
Patriotic Purposes.....	1,000.....	694	1,000
Other Culture and Recreation	2,850.....	2,127	2,850

Conservation

Administration.....	2,580.....	1,248	2,580
Other Conservation	22,500.....	22,212	21,250

Debt Services

Princ-Long Term Bonds & Notes	102,521	102,521	234,038
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	16,256.....	17,165	78,514

Capital Outlay

Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment.....	582,215.....	134,215	100,000
Improvements Other Than Buildings ...	1,459,015.....	1,343,844	137,738
Buildings	16,350.....	6,350	0

Operating Transfer Out

To Capital Reserve Fund.....	37,000.....	37,000	113,000
To Trust Fund.....	3,500.....	3,500	2,500

TOTAL.....	\$4,573,633.....	\$3,879,429	3,059,629
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Estimated	Actual	Estimated
Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
Prior Year	Prior Year	Ensnung FY

SOURCE OF REVENUE

Taxes

Land Use Change Tax	4,400.....	4,150	2,000
Timber Taxes	25,000.....	14,604	25,000
Other Taxes – Boat	6,000.....	7,096	6,500
Interest & Penalties on			
Delinquent Taxes	38,000.....	61,078	50,000

Licenses, Permits and Fees

Business Licenses & Permits	6,300.....	6,621	6,600
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	290,000.....	326,303	300,000
Building Permits	18,000.....	27,822	20,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees .	10,000.....	25,315	12,000

From State

Meal & Rooms Tax Distribution ..	78,960.....	78,960	65,000
Highway Block Grant	84,686.....	84,686	80,000
From Other Governments	317,143.....	0.00	0.00

Charges for Services

Income from Departments	8,600.....	8,600	8,600
Other Charges	1,500.....	1,255	1,500

Miscellaneous Revenues

Sale of Town Property	0.....	7,560	0
Interest on Investments	1,500.....	2,757	1,500
Other.....	10,000.....	6,793	6,500

Interfund Operating Transfers In

From Capital Reserve Fund	25,000.....	25,000	1,000
From Conservation Funds	9,250.....	9,250	2,500

Other Financing Services

From Long Term Bonds			
& Notes	1,459,015.....	1,459,015	0.00
From Fund Balance	0.....	0	209,738

Total Estimated Revenue

& Credits	\$2,393,354.....	2,156,865.....	798,438
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Appropriations Recommended			\$2,539,891
Special Warrant Articles			\$232,738
Individual Articles			\$287,000

Total Appropriations			\$3,059,629
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Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue & Credits			\$798,438
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Amount of Taxes to be Raised			\$2,261,191
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**TOWN OF FREEDOM
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2016**

	BALANCE 01/01/16	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED	TRANSFER TO GENL FUND REVENUE	BALANCE 12/31/16
INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN:					
Cemetery P/C Int.	4,250	33			4,283
Municipal Bldg/Land	5,000				5,000
Town Road R-O-W	<u>4,800</u>				4,800
Total Transfers In	14,050	33			14,083
GIFTS AND DONATIONS:					
General Government:					
Town Hall Kitchen	1,100	200			1,300
Public Safety:					
Police Dept	1,850	800			2,650
K9 Dog	384		384		0
Fire Dept	800	1,420			2,220
Highways:					
Highway Dept	2,533	500	287		2,746
Culture and Recreation:					
Recreation	1,200				1,200
Heritage Commission	500				500
Total Gifts and Donations	8,367	2,920	671		10,616
POLICE - Outside Detail	-4,906	9,082	4,176		0

GRANTS - Heritage Commission	0	5,000	5,250	-250
CONSERVATION:				
Gifts	195			195
Milfoil Grant	0			-2,779
Milfoil Gifts	7,800	10,642	13,421	6,595
Land Use Tax	13,765	8,045	9,250	15,540
Wildlife Habitat	16,251	2,075	300	18,326
Town Forest Maintenance	56,148	2,075		46,898
Town Forest Stewardship Gifts	4,599	500		5,099
Ossipee Lake Protection Fund	0	12,630	2,786	9,844
Total Conservation	98,758	35,967	25,757	99,718
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	116,269	53,002	35,854	124,167

**TOWN OF FREEDOM
DETAIL OF REVENUE
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016**

<u>Source</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Property Tax Levy	\$6,048,995	
Interest & Penalties Late Taxes	61,078	
Yield Tax	14,604	
Boat Tax	7,096	
Land Use Change Tax	<u>4,150</u>	\$6,135,923
State Aid:		
Meals & Rooms Distribution	78,960	
Highway Block Grant	<u>84,686</u>	163,646
Town Clerk:		
Dog Licenses	427	
Vehicle Registrations	326,303	
Other Fees	<u>550</u>	327,280
Transfer Station:		
Permits	1,540	
Tipping Fees	11,618	
Recycling Revenue	<u>473</u>	13,631
Building Inspector:		
Permits	27,822	27,822
Police Department:		
Reports, etc	205	
Special Detail Fees	<u>1,255</u>	1,460

Selectmen:		
Copies-Printouts-Maps-Checklists-Fax	863	
Donations	6,700	
Planning Board Fees	1,215	
ZBA Fees	1,303	
Winter Road Maintenance Fees	1,640	
Other Permits and Fees	30	
Town of Eaton (Fire)	8,600	
Cable TV Franchise Fee	6,621	
Sale of Town Property	7,560	
Rents of Property	40	
Interest Income	2,757	
Fines	<u>1,244</u>	38,573
Admin Costs reimbursed		4,239
from sale of town property		
Special Revenue Fund Transfer (Conservation)		9,250
Bond Proceeds		1,459,015
TOTAL		\$8,180,839

PROPERTY VALUATION INVENTORY SCHEDULE

		2016 Assessed	
Value of Land	Acres	Valuation	Totals
A. Current Use	11,588	\$755,120	
(at current use values)			
B. Residential.....	6,213	231,406,600	
C. Commercial/Industrial	414	4,418,500	
Total of Taxable Land	18,224	236,581,256	
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Land	3403	12,158,600	
Value of Buildings Only			
A. Residential		\$213,490,521	
B. Manufactured Housing.....		20,554,200	
C. Commercial/Industrial		8,222,100	
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement (19 structures)		65,579	
Total of Taxable Buildings		242,332,400	
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Buildings		10,449,000	
Public Utilities – Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution including production, machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc.			
Electric.....			
Total Public Utilities.....		4,340,800	
Valuation Before Exemptions.....		\$483,254,456	
Blind Exemptions RSA 72:38-b			
Total Number Granted 0 ..		\$0	
Elderly Exemptions RSA 72:39, a and b			
Total Number Granted 6 ..		250,000	
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b			
Total Number Granted 1 .		20,000	
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		270,000	
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed.....		\$482,984,456	
Less Public Utilities		4,340,800	
Net Valuation without utilities which Tax Rate for			
State Education Tax is Computed		\$478,643,656	

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Purpose of Appropriations

General Government

Town Officers Salaries	\$59,366
Election & Registrations.....	16,800
Town Office Expense	205,770
Revaluation of Property.....	39,736
Legal Expenses.....	15,500
Personnel Administration	47,638
Planning and Zoning.....	12,150
General Government Buildings	67,430
Cemeteries	3,725
Insurance.....	47,498
Lakes Region Planning.....	2,271

Public Safety

Police	320,332
Ambulance.....	75,989
Fire.....	143,935
Building Inspection	14,663
Emergency Management.....	750
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	6,188
Water Precinct	400

Highway Streets and Bridges

Highway Streets and Bridges	923,317
Street Lighting	12,000

Sanitation

Solid Waste Disposal.....	196,030
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Health

Administration.....	500
Health Agencies.....	15,458

Welfare

Administration.....	2,000
Vendor Payments.....	9,000

Culture and Recreation

Parks & Recreation.....	10,750
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Library	78,650
Patriotic Purposes	1,000
Old Home Week	2,000
Heritage	850

Conservations

Administration of Natural Recourses	2,580
Other Conservation.....	22,500

Debt Services

Bond Principal	1,561,536
Bond Interest	16,256

Capital Outlay

Vehicles	582,215
Buildings	16,350

Operating Transfers Out

Capital Reserve Funds

Police Department	10,000
Transfer Station,	5,000
Highway Drainage.....	10,000
Municipal Land & Building	12,000

Expendable Trust Funds

Library	2,500
Employee Health Insurance	1,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS\$4,573,633

Certification

This is to certify that the information contained in this form appropriations actually voted by the town meeting were taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Selectmen of Freedom
 Leslie Babb
 Ernest Day Jr.
 Neal Boyle

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Town Officer Salaries

Selectmen.....	\$18,000
Town Clerk	31,616
Tax Collector	6,000
Town Treasurer.....	3,600
Trustee of Trust Funds.....	150
Expended	\$59,366
Appropriated	<u>59,366</u>
Balance	\$ 0

Town Office Expenses

Town Clerk Costs	\$3,072
Deputy Town Clerk	4,746
Tax Collector Fees & Costs.....	16,927
Town Administrator.....	53,583
Administrative Assistant.....	32,765
Part-time Salary	5,344
Health/Dental Insurance	35,909
Life/Disability Insurance	1,753
Retirement.....	3,403
Reimbursable Expense.....	634
Computer Support.....	13,133
Dues	2,522
Tax Map Updates.....	5,000
Meeting/Training	153
Office Supplies	6,219
Telephone	2,912
Printing/Postage/Notices.....	1,610
Professional Audit	12,493
Bank Charges.....	379
Expended	\$202,557
Appropriated	<u>205,770</u>
Under Run.....	\$3,213

Election & Registration

Workers.....	\$12,680
Printing/Advertising	3,036
Operating	638
Expended	\$ 16,354
Appropriated	16,800
Under run	\$ 446

Revaluation of Property.....	Expended	\$39,736
	Appropriated	<u>39,736</u>
	Balance	0

Legal Expense

Town Office.....	\$5,815
Planning Board	3,320
Tax Deeded Property	3,607
Expended	\$12,742
Appropriated	<u>15,500</u>
Under run	\$2,758

Payroll Taxes.....	Expended.....	\$50,232
	Appropriated	<u>47,638</u>
	Over run	\$2,594

Planning and Zoning

Part-time Salary	\$1,602
Expenses	2,543
Expended	\$4,145
Appropriated	<u>5,850</u>
Under run	\$1,705

Zoning Officer

Part Time Salary	\$2,913
Expenses	427
Expended	\$3,340

Appropriated6,300
Under run\$2,960

Town Buildings

Part-time Salary\$8,104
Operating Expenses28,312
Office Maintenance/Repair.....1,322
Town Hall Maintenance/Repair.....7,107
Public Safety Building Maintenance and Repair.....2,449
Village Fire Station Maintenance and Repair.....142
Expended\$47,436
Appropriated67,430
Under run\$19,994

Cemetery.....Expended.....\$1,480
Appropriated3,725
Under run\$2,245

Insurance.....Expended\$47,498
Appropriated47,498
Balance0

Advertising & Regional Associates

Lakes Region Planning.....Expended\$2,271
Appropriated2,271
Balance0

Emergency Management Program...Expended.....\$0
Appropriated 750
Under Run.....\$750

Police Department

Chief Salary\$77,192
Full Time Salaries.....72,041
Part Time Salaries.....46,967
Overtime/Holiday 5,465
Animal Control3,091
Retirement.....39,705
Health & Dental Insurance40,114

Life & Disability Insurance	531
Vehicle/Equipment Repairs	4,895
Operating Expenses	13,753
Equipment.....	10,582
K-9 Expenses	646
D.A.R.E	968
	Expended\$315,950
	Appropriated <u>320,332</u>
	Under run\$4,382

Fire Department

Part-Time Chief Salary	\$12,553
Member's Stipend.....	29,997
Part-time Station Duty	39,567
Mutual Aid Dues.....	5,000
Equipment Purchases.....	4,747
Vehicle Repairs & Inspections	15,306
Turnout Gear.....	8,939
Radio/Equipment Repairs.....	1,232
First Responders	4,728
Operating Expense.....	10,900
	Expended\$132,969
	Encumbered <u>2,000</u>
	Total134,969
	Appropriated\$140,935
	Under Run.....\$5,966

Forest Fire Protection

Labor.....	\$938
Operating	57
	Expended\$ 995
	Encumbered <u>2,000</u>
	Total2,995
	Appropriated <u>3,000</u>
	Under Run.....\$ 5

Water Precinct	Expended	\$400
	Appropriated	<u>400</u>
	Balance	0

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	Expended	\$6,188
	Appropriated	<u>6,188</u>
	Balance	0

Building Inspector

Part Time	\$11,356
Expenses	1,999
	Expended\$13,355
	Appropriated <u>14,663</u>
	Over run\$1,308

Highway Maintenance

Summer

Labor.....	\$ 144,088
Rental Equipment	16,793
Materials	1,990
Signs and Signals.....	3,193
Contract Services	29,375
Road Stripping.....	6,460
	Expended\$ 201,899
	Encumbered <u>15,262</u>

Total Summer Maintenance\$217,161

Winter

Labor.....	\$110,465
Rental Equipment	99,343
Materials	66,804
	Expended\$276,612
	Encumbered 12,123

Total Winter Maintenance.....\$288,735

General Highway Expense\$111,804

Health & Dental Insurance	106,388
Life/Disability Insurance	2,566
Retirement.....	6,127
Expended	\$732,781
Appropriated	<u>789,317</u>
Under Run.....	\$56,536

Street Lights	Expended	\$11,197
	Appropriated	<u>12,000</u>
	Under run	\$ 803

Transfer Station

Full-time Salary	\$42,453
Part-time Salaries.....	14,057
Health & Dental Insurance	26,862
Life/Disability Insurance	794
Retirement.....	1,179
Engineering.....	1,945
Transfer Fees	90,996
Household Hazardous Waste Fee	2,214
Site Improvements	967
Operating Expense.....	15,257
Expended	\$196,724
Encumbered	<u>1,555</u>
Total	198,279
Appropriated ...	<u>196,030</u>
Over run	2,249

Health Officer

Part Time Salary	\$ 136
Expenses	41
Expended	\$ 177
Appropriated	<u>500</u>
Under run	\$323

Health & Social Services

Ambulance	\$66,304
C.C. Mental Health	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000
Community Action Program.....	4,000
Central NH VNA & Hospice	2,500
Starting Point	1,418
Red Cross.....	1,300
Ossipee Child Fund.....	1,000
Lifeflight Foundation.....	100
White Mtn Health Center.....	1,707
Expended	\$81,762
Appropriated	<u>91,447</u>
Under run	\$9,685

Welfare

Part Time Salary	\$485
General Assistance.....	2,376
Food Pantry.....	5,000
Expended	\$7,861
Appropriated	<u>11,000</u>
Under run	\$3,139

Parks & Recreation

Part-time salary	\$ 955
Operating Expense.....	5,806
Expended	\$6,761
Appropriated	<u>10,750</u>
Under run	\$ 3,989

Library.....	Expended.....	\$78,650
	Appropriated	<u>78,650</u>
	Balance	0

Heritage Commission.....	Expended	\$127
	Appropriated	<u>850</u>
	Under run	\$ 723

Patriotic Purposes

Old Home Week	\$2,000
Other	694
Expended	<u>\$2,694</u>
Appropriated	<u>3,000</u>
Under run	\$306

Conservation Commission

Administration.....	Expended	\$898
	Encumbered	<u>350</u>
	Total	1,248
	Appropriated	<u>2,580</u>
	Under run	\$1,332

Water Quality Testing.....	Expended	\$3,000
	Appropriated	<u>3,000</u>
	Balance	0

Forest Maintenance.....	Expended	\$4,871
	Encumbered	<u>1,379</u>
	Total	6,250
	Appropriated	<u>6,250</u>
	Balance	0

Forester.....	Expended	\$ 575
	Encumbered	2,425
	Total	3,000
	Appropriated	<u>3,000</u>
	Balance	0

Aquatic Invasive Species

Administration	\$462
Milfoil Removal.....	9,500
Expended	<u>\$9,962</u>
Appropriated	<u>10,250</u>
Under run	\$288

Debt Services

Bond Principal PSB	\$75,000
Lease Principal Tank Truck	27,521
Expended	<u>\$102,521</u>
Appropriated ...	<u>102,521</u>
Balance	0

Interest Expense

Bond Interest.....	\$14,700
Tank Truck Interest.....	1,555
Other Interest	910
Expended	<u>\$17,165</u>
Appropriated	<u>16,255</u>
Over run	909

Capital Reserve

Police Department Equipment.....	\$10,000
Transfer Station	5,000
Highway Drainage	10,000
Municipal Land and Building.....	12,000
Expended	<u>\$ 37,000</u>
Appropriated	<u>37,000</u>
Balance	0

Trust Funds

Library.....	\$2,500
Health Care	1,000
Expended	<u>\$3,500</u>
Appropriated	<u>3,500</u>
Balance	0

Capital Outlay/Individual Articles

Highway – Crack and Seal.....	Expended	\$ 14,000
	Appropriated	<u>14,000</u>
	Balance	\$0

Highway – Sealing.....	Expended.....	\$48,070
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Appropriated	<u>52,000</u>
Under run	<u>\$3,930</u>

Highway – Hot Top.....	Expended	\$68,000
	Appropriated	<u>68,000</u>
	Balance	0

**Highway – Ossipee Lake/
Bennett Roads**

Expended	\$1,343,844
Appropriated	<u>1,459,015</u>
Under run	<u>\$115,171</u>

Roller Shed **

Encumbered	6,350
Appropriated	<u>16,350</u>
Under run	<u>\$10,000</u>

**Note: \$10,000 Moose Plate
Grant received to offset expense.

Total Budget Under Run.....	\$246,205
Remaining Bond Proceeds.....	<u>\$115,171</u>
Actual Budget under run	<u>\$131,034</u>

2016 Tax Rate \$12.60 Tax Rate Breakdown Freedom

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,097,179	\$482,984,456	\$4.35
County	\$652,322	\$482,984,456	1.35
Local Education	\$2,194,899	\$482,984,456	4.54
State Education	\$1,130,959	\$478,643,656	2.36
Total	\$6,075,359		\$12.60

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Freedom Village Water	\$0	\$13,916,597	\$0
Total	\$0		\$0

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$6,075,359
War Service Credits	(\$26,650)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$6,048,709

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$4,573,633	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$2,393,354)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$125,000)
War Service Credits	\$26,650	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$15,250	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$2,097,179	

County Apportionment		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$652,322	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$652,322	

Education		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$3,325,858	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Ned Education Grant		\$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,130,959)

Net Required Local Education Tax Effort		\$2,194,899
State Education Tax		\$1,130,959
State Education Tax Not Retained		\$0
Net Required State Education Tax Effort		\$1,130,959

Valuation		
Municipal (MS-1)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$482,984,456	\$497,979,318
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$478,643,656	\$493,431,618

Village (MS-1V)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Freedom Village Water	\$13,916,597	

TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT In Excess of \$1,000

Highway

2016 Ford F550 One Ton
2016 Hiway 4yd S.S. Sander
1963 York Rake
2014 Cat 924K Loader
2014 Cat 420 Backhoe (Used at Transfer Station)
2011 Cat 140M2 Motor Grader
1992 Morbark Chipper
2013 International All Wheel Drive
2011 Ford F550 XL One Ton (In Service Aug 2010)
1985 GMC Tank Truck
2004 Chevy Tahoe
1991 MB Sweeper
1994 Billy Goat
2006 Hiway 12' stainless steel sander
2001 Hiway 3 yd stainless steel sander
2000 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Shoulder Gravel Machine
2011 Pressure Washer
Miller Generator/Welder

Police Department

2016 Ford Explorer
2013 Chevy Tahoe
2012 Chevy Tahoe
2 Kustom Golden Eagle II Radar units
3 Mobile Motorola Astro Digital Radio
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6

Fire Department

2012 International Tank Truck
2009 Chevy Tahoe
2006 Ford F550 One Ton (Fire only)

2006 F550 Ford Forestry Truck
2000 F550 Ford Rescue Truck
1996 Spartan Fire Truck
1989 Mack Fire Truck
1926 Seagrave Fire Truck
2004 Portable Deck Gun
1996 Stinger Deck Gun
2006 (23) XTS 2500i Portable Radios
2004 (4) Motorola Astro Digital Radios
1996 100 Watt Kenwood Radio
1998 Jaws of Life Power Unit
1998 Hurst 60" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst 30" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst Combi Tool Spreader Cutter
1998 Hurst Cutter
2010 Hurst Tool Cutter
2004 Stabilization Kit
MSA 5500 Thermal Imaging Camera
10 MSA Airpacks
Honda Generator
2007 13,000 watt Honda Generator
10,000 Watt Diesel Generator
Multi Gas Meter
2 Darley Portable Pumps
2000 275 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2002 450 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2007 75 gallon Skid Unit with Pump/Reel
2006 Akron Hose Tester
2007 (2) Can Am 4x4 ATV
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
2007 315PSI Forestry Pump
2006 120GPM Forestry Pump
Phillips 12 Lead Cardiac Monitor
1998 Positive Pressure Fan
2008 Rescue Sled
3000 Watt Light Tower
Extractor

RAD 57

Remote Light

Lucas Auto Pulse

Alaris Med System 3 IV Pump

Transfer Station

3 Hydraulic Compactors, 7 Containers

12' Snowpusher

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SCHEDULE

Assessed Values
As of December 31, 2016

Town Hall, Land and Building.....	\$420,600
Town Office, Land and Building	261,100
Public Safety Building and Land.....	604,100
Roller Shed, Land and Building	26,700
Library, Land and Buildings	399,400
Highway Department, Land and Buildings.....	199,600
Transfer/Recycling Facility, Land and Buildings.....	84,000
Parks, Commons, Playgrounds and Beaches.....	571,300
Schools, Land and Building.....	2,578,800
Conservation Commission.....	602,400
Trout Pond Town Forest	2,638,900
All Land Acquired Through Tax Collectors Deed.....	488,700
All Other Property	
Fox Run Lot.....	91,800
Backland off Cushing Corner Road	
Abuts Morrow/Hayes – Owners Uncertain.....	24,600
Abuts Danforth Pond/Ossipee Lake Road	50,200
	\$90,422,000

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

Liability at Beginning of Year.....1,489,548

Assessment for Current Year.....3,325,858

Total Liability within Current Year4,815,406

Payments made to School District.....3,439,548

Liability at End of Year1,375,858

Total.....4,815,406

DEBT - AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose	Public Safety Building
2017 Installment	\$75,000
Interest Rate	3.00%
Date of Final Payment	8/15/21
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	\$440,000
Bonds issued this year	0
Bonds Retired this year	0
Bonds o/s at end of year	\$365,000

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation
(debt as of 12/31/16)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2017	\$75,000	3%	\$11,700	\$86,700
2018	\$75,000	4%	\$9,450	\$84,450
2019	\$75,000	3%	\$6,450	\$81,450
2020	\$70,000	3%	\$4,200	\$74,200
2021	\$70,000	3%	\$2,100	\$72,100
Total	\$365,000		\$33,900	\$398,900

DEBT - AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose	Ossipee Lake & Bennett Roads
2017 Installment	\$130,750
Interest Rate	5.02%
Date of Final Payment	8/15/26
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	\$0
Bonds issued this year	\$1,260,750
Bonds Retired this year	0
Bonds o/s at end of year	\$1,260,750

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation
(debt as of 12/31/16)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2017	\$130,750	5.02%	\$66,024	\$196,774
2018	\$130,000	5.02%	\$54,226	\$184,226
2019	\$125,000	5.02%	\$47,700	\$172,700
2020	\$125,000	5.02%	\$41,425	\$166,425
2021	\$125,000	5.02%	\$35,150	\$160,150
2022	\$125,000	5.02%	\$28,875	\$153,875
2023	\$125,000	4.02%	\$22,600	\$147,600
2024	\$125,000	4.02%	\$17,575	\$142,575
2025	\$125,000	5.02%	\$12,550	\$137,550
2026	\$125,000	5.02%	\$6,275	\$131,275
Total	\$1,260,750		\$332,400	\$1,593,150

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

(January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016)

Report of Revenue Received

2693 Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$ 326,302.81
139 Dog Licenses	701.00
54 Vital Copies	685.00
12 Marriage Licenses	600.00
21 Facilities Permits	250.00
State filing fees	4.00
VSX Filing Fee	10.00
Postage	7.00
Pole Line Easements	20.00
State - UCC filings	135.00
Dog Licenses - Late Charges	30.00
Dog Fines	<u>149.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 328,893.81

Respectfully submitted,

A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:	2016	2015	2014
Property Taxes.....	0.00	304,277.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes.....	0.00	2,153.73	0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prior Years' Credit Balance	(6,285.84)	0.00	0.00
This Year's New Credits			

Tax Committed This Year:

Property Taxes.....	6,048,995.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Changes.....	9,800.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes.....	14,603.71	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax.....	0.00	0.00	0.00

Overpayment:

Credits Refunded.....	16,940.11	0.00	0.00
Interest – Late Tax.....	3,645.93	16,776.68	0.00

TOTAL DEBTS	\$6,087,698.91	\$323,207.41	0.00
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CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes.....	5,753,528.26	176,677.29	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes.....	8,300.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes.....	13,891.35	2,153.73	0.00
Interest	3,566.68	11,217.18	0.00
Penalties	79.25	5,559.50	0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	0.00	0.00	0.00
Converted to Liens (principal only).....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned.....	0.00	0.00	0.00

Abatements Made:

Property Taxes.....	1,767.63	565.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes.....	438.00	0.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	0.00	0.00	0.00

Uncollected Revenue End of Year:

Property Taxes.....	307,551.55	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change Tax	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Tax Yield	274.36	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(3,198.17)	0.00	0.00

TOTAL CREDITS	\$6,087,698.91	\$323,207.41	\$0.00
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Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Babb
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/ TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016

Levies of:

DEBITS	2015	2014	2013
Unredeemed Liens			
Beginning of Fiscal Year	0	\$89,484.36	\$69,557.44
Liens Executed During FY	\$137,558.23	0.00	0.00
Interest and Costs Collected.....	<u>3,352.84</u>	<u>10,008.20</u>	<u>27,303.81</u>
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	140,911.07	99,492.56	96,861.25

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:

Redemptions.....	\$46,653.33	\$33,418.47	\$61,076.18
Interest & Costs Collected	3,352.84	10,008.20	27,303.81
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	263.30	51.26	50.78
Liens Deeded to Municipality.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Lien balance			
End of FY	<u>90,641.60</u>	<u>56,014.63</u>	<u>8,430.48</u>

TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	\$140,911.07.	\$99,492.56	\$96,861.25
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PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending 2013

Herrholz	51
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Fiscal Year Ending 2014

Herrholz	51
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Fiscal Year Ending 2015

Brooks, Harvey	200
Herrholz	7
Hunt	44
Kemper-Jose	445
Lloyd.....	576
Sigourney.....	655
Wade	166

Fiscal Year Ending 2016

Believeau	106
Brooks, Harvey	220
Daniles	300
Davis	38
Kiernan	18
Niles	217
Pelletier.....	48
Scovil	204
Weatherby.....	168

2016 Treasurer's Report

Revenue from All Sources

Revenue by Department:

Tax Collector	\$ 6,146,232.55
Town Clerk	\$ 328,893.81
Selectmen	\$ 333,228.85
Building Inspector	\$ 27,871.90
Boat Tax	\$ 7,095.55
Interest Income	\$ 2,756.73
Misc Income	\$ 220.00

Total Cash on Hand 12-31-16 **\$ 2,673,397.66**

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Jayne Britton
Town Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2016 was not available at the time of printing, and therefore is not included in this Annual Report.

The auditors, Vachon Culkay and Company PC of Manchester, NH will file the Financial Report and an Audit report when their work is complete. A copy of this Audit report will be available at the Town Office upon completion.

TOWN EMPLOYEES

2016

Police	Joseph Duchesne.....	11,870
	Jonathan Evans	31,253
	Robert King	893
	James Mullen.....	2,166
	Josh Shackford.....	68,659
	Matt Tyler	72,130
	Wayne Valley	4,360
Highway	Devin Bolduc	1,747
	Lance Bolduc	49,540
	Scott Brooks, Sr	64,191
	Michael D'Andrea	5,022
	Ernest Day Sr.....	8,905
	Brandon Eldridge.....	8,471
	Charles Gibbs.....	4,732
	James MacDonald.....	44,928
	John McVitty	8,960
	Robert Smith	58,227
	Jeffrey Towle	7,280
Transfer Station	Justin Brooks	42,453
	George Stone	14,057
Building Inspector	Robert Babine	8,807
	Robert Boyd.....	1,519
	Dave Senecal	1,030
Zoning Officer	Edward Hatfield.....	3,723
Office	Holly Brooks.....	4,000
	Amanda Feuerborn	1,314
	Karen Hatch	53,583
	Janice Zecher	32,765

Facilities Custodian	Mark McKinley	8,349
PB/FAISC/FAC/FCC	Dianne Park	1,262
PB/FAISC/FAC/FCC/ZBA	Janice Zecher	230
Fire Department.....	Joseph Brabant.....	17,763
	Justin Brooks	12,553
	Robert Cunio.....	20,654
	Daniel Conger	300
Health Officer.....	Frank Evitts.....	136
Welfare Officer	Tracy Hayes	485
Cemetery.....	George Boewe, Jr.....	1,480

STIPENDS

Fire/Rescue	Tyler Belanger	\$3,910
	George Boewe	475
	Joe Brabant	91
	Dan Conger.....	160
	Sam Conger	2,066
	Rob Cunio	5,535
	Jason Daggett.....	1,490
	Todd Desmarais	1,928
	Mike Eldridge, Jr	3,929
	Caitlin Gillenwater.....	1,694
	Charlie Hatfield	190
	Michael LaPrade	601
	Laurel Roberts	1,458
	Timothy Roberts	991
	Eric Seamans	3,959
	Cody Sprouce.....	50
	Kevin Wells	469

TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Officer	Salary	Fees	Expenses	Total
Selectmen				
Neal Boyle	6,000			6,000
Leslie Babb	6,000			6,000
Ernest Day Jr	6,000			6,000
Town Clerk				
A. Elizabeth Priebe	31,486		1,649	33,135
Deputy Town Clerk				
Jean Magnussen	2,479			2,479
Treasurer				
Pamela Clemons-Keith	750			750
M. Jayne Britton	2,850	507		3,357
Tax Collector				
Ann Babb	6,000	7,448	123	13,571
Deputy Tax Collector				
Tammy Nason	528			528
Susan Hoople	1,383			1,383
Supervisors of the Checklist				
Daniel Brooks	1,188			1,188
Patricia McCoy	1,419			1,419
Carol Stansell	1,064			1,064
Moderator				
Donald Johnson	586		151	737
Trustee of Trust Funds				
Patricia McCoy	50		49	99
Anne Cunningham	50			50
Paul Olzerowicz	50		81	131

VENDORS MAJOR SERVICE SUPPLIERS

Dept	Vendor	Amt
PD	AAA Police Supply	2,495
FAISC	AB Aquatics	18,795
FD	AccuTemp Services	845
HD	AD Rossi	2,400
HD	AJ Coleman & Son	1,903
HD	All State Asphalt	59,807
HD, PD	Andrew's Auto Body Inc	3,784
TS	Atlantic Recycling	17,147
GG	Aubuchon Hardware	984
GG	Avitar Assoc	7,334
HD	Barry's Tree Service	7,425
HD	BB Chain	641
FD	Bergeron Protective Clothing	8,709
CC	BH Keith	4,863
FD	Boundtree Medical	2,867
FD	Brocktalk Education	900
HD	Brooks, Scott Jr	896
HD	Brooks, Scott Sr	88,425
HC	Brookside Building	5,250
GG	Business Management	2,309
GG	Care Plus	66,294
GG	CC Registry of Deeds	976
TC	Central Paper	705
HD	Chappell Tractor Sales, Inc	845
HD	Clark's Grain Store Inc	1,167
HD	Coleman Concrete	1,145
HD	Coleman Rental	11,208
GG	Conway Daily Sun	2,075
FD/HD	Cross Way Repair	3,595
HD	CWS Fence & Guardrail	14,085
FD	Darley	7,351
HD	Del R Gilbert & Son	1,249
GG	Devine, Millimet & Branch	6,000
GG	Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella	9,732
HD	Donovan Equipment Co., Inc	27,900
FD	Elliott Enterprises, Inc	977
FD	Emergency Medical Products	3,663
GG	Eversource	26,256
HD	EW Sleeper	18,469
GG	FairPoint	6,036
FD	Firematic	1,155
FD	First Responder Grants, LLC	1,300

Dept	Vendor	Amt
GG	Flag Shop of VT	694
GG	FM McVey Plumbing/Heating	4,081
HD	Gaftek	7,382
PD	Galls	481
PD	Goodhue Marine & Firearms	2,451
HD	Granite State Minerals	39,700
GG	Green Mountain Conservation Group	3,000
HD	GW Brooks	120,667
GG	Health Trust	201,020
HD	HEB Engineers, Inc	9,200
GG	Henderson, Walter	1,680
HD	Hydrau7lic Hose & Assembly	6,591
HD	Industrial Traffic Lines, Inc	6,460
HD	Innovative Surface Solutions	75,943
TC	Interware Development	2,482
PD	Irwin Automotive Group	28,041
GG	Jesse E Lyman	65,247
HD	JO Cook	10,710
TS	Katahdin Analytical Services	745
FD	Lakes Region Fire Apparatus	7,722
GG	Lakeside Security	1,528
FD	Liberty International Trucks	1,772
GG	M&B Dion Enterprises Inc	786
HD	MacDonal Motors	4,374
HD	Maple Ridge	1,844
FD	Med One Equipment Services	5,665
HD	Michle	69,735
HD	Milton Cat	32,020
GG	Minuteman Press	6,488
HD	Moores Crane Rental Corp	7,500
HD	Morton Salt	22,433
PD	Motorola	3,376
GG	Nationwide Employee Benefits	5,644
GG	NAE Automotive & Electric	2,640
HD	New England Barricade	870
FD	New Pig	747
HD	Nicom Coatings Corp	25,500
TS	North Coast Services	3,822
HD	North Country Metal Craft LLC	5,200
FD/TS	Northern Fabrication Solutions	2,585
PD	Northern Tire	1,856
HD	Ossipee Aggregates	38,247
GG	Ossipee Auto	6,794
GG	Ossipee Concerned Citizens	2,160
GG	Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	6,188
PD/FD	Ossipee Mountain Electronics	10,854
HD	Owens Leasing Company, LLC	4,810
GG	Painter by the Pond	950
TS	Pine Tree Engineering	2,900

Dept	Vendor	Amt
TS	Pine Tree Waste	79,867
GG	Pope Security	657
GG	Porter Office	899
GG	Primex	48,119
HD	R&D Paving	1,048,659
GG	RB Wood	39,736
GG	Rymes Oil & Propane	738
HD	SA McLean & Sons	1,358
GG	Skehans	829
FAISC	Solitude Lake Management	10,923
GG	Staples	6,406
GG	Stone Hill Municipal Solutions	660
PD	Sullivan Tire Companies	862
HD	Team EJP	112,681
HD	Texas Refinery Corp	796
GG	Time Warner Caple	3,900
PD	TMDE	2,420
HD	Towle Masonry	1,120
PD	TriTech Perform Solutions	1,760
HD	UniFirst	7,972
GG	United Site Services	1,888
GG	Upton & Hatfield, LLP	2,613
GG	USPS	1,125
GG	Vachon Clukay & Company PC	11,833
GG	Verizon Wireless	1,705
FD	Watch Guard	5,020
HD	Water Industries	838
GG	Welch Landscaping	4,287
GG	White Mountain Oil	6,179
HD	White Mountain Survey & Eng	678
HD/FD	Windy Ridge Corp	843
GG	WSB Tech	5,629

CC-Conservation Commission

HD-Highway Dept

GG-General Government

FAISC- Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

FD-Fire Dept

HS-Historical Society

PD-Police Dept

TS-Transfer Station

Freedom Public Library 2016 Annual Report

This year the Freedom Public Library was pleased to welcome our new Assistant Librarian, Chris Libby, who earned his Master's in Library Science from SUNY-Buffalo. He is doing a wonderful job as Head of Circulation, Volunteer Coordinator and Teen Librarian. It is rare for a small library in New Hampshire to have even one professional librarian, but our library has two.

We have six public computers and free Wi-Fi for those with their own devices. Patrons can send faxes, make copies, scan materials and get documents notarized. Several groups use our open space downstairs for their meetings. We have a projector that may be borrowed for programs outside the library.

We had about 50 volunteers help us in 2016, many working in the library on a weekly basis, others helping on an occasional or one-time basis for special projects. This volunteer labor saves the town thousands of dollars and allows the library to do much more than two paid employees could. The Friends of the Library provide many of the library's extras, also saving the town many thousands of dollars every year. They supplement our book budget, provide funding for the summer reading program and other programming, and purchase museum passes and movie licenses, among other things. They also provide much of our adult programming, which expands what our library would otherwise be able to offer.

380 people borrowed materials from the library in 2016 and more than that come to use the space, attend programs or borrow materials virtually. We added 112 new members this year with 13,411 patron visits and

nearly 16,000 items loaned. Patrons with a valid library card are able to download audiobooks and eBooks free through the library. There were 2189 downloads this year, up from 2123 in 2015.

Our library is especially busy in the summer, providing five weekly programs for kids of all ages, more than is offered by many libraries that are much larger. We always have strong participation in our summer reading programs for kids, teens and adults but last summer we had a 16% increase.

All classes at Freedom Elementary School visit the library every three weeks to be read to and to check out books. Every child at Freedom Elementary has a library card. We offer a monthly afterschool program and pizza & movie night that is attended by nearly half the school.

2016 marked our 10th annual Winter Film Series for adults which attracted an average of 25 people to each film. We offer a weekly preschool storytime and host mah jongg games twice weekly with about 15 people playing on a regular basis.

We encourage all Freedom residents – year round and seasonal – to get a library card and take advantage of all the many resources available at our beautiful and welcoming library!

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Brooks, Chair
Paul Mathieu, Secretary
Laura Robinson, Treasurer

TOWN REPORT - 2016

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Assets 1/1/2016	
Checking	\$21,890.33
Money Market	\$14,861.24
Centennial Fund	\$25.00
Trustees Account	\$19,272.95
Cayford Fund	\$6,698.00
Williams Fund	\$19,294.61
Total Assets 1/1/2016	\$82,042.13
Receipts 2016	
Book Sales	\$710.57
CD Interest	\$158.27
Conscience Fund	\$314.00
Fax & Copier	\$757.85
Friends Donations	\$9,155.05
Interest Income	\$5.65
Unanticipated Gifts	\$3,785.00
Other Income	\$2,035.21
Town Appropriation	\$78,650.00
Total Receipts 2016	\$95,571.60
Total Assets + Receipts 2016	\$177,613.73
Expenditures 2016	
Books	\$8,455.74
Computer/Copier	\$4,124.70
Dues & Conferences	\$2,310.24
Electricity	\$2,938.83
Grounds	\$2,506.70
Heat	\$1,985.52
Maintenance	\$4,801.59
Other Expenses	\$1,098.49
Periodicals	\$398.87
Petty Cash	\$22.32
Postage	\$333.93
Programs	\$3,781.06

TOWN REPORT - 2016

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Building Renovations	\$7,804.25
Supplies	\$1,847.70
Taxes	\$3,761.49
Telephone	\$677.47
Wages	\$49,164.29
Water	\$525.00
Total Expenditures 2016	\$96,538.19
Assets 12/31/2016	
Checking	\$26,731.91
Money Market	\$9,053.07
Centennial Fund	\$25.00
Trustees Account	\$19,272.95
Cayford Fund	\$6,698.00
Williams Fund	\$19,294.61
Total Assets 12/31/2016	\$81,075.54
Total Expenditures & Assets	\$177,613.73
Memorial Funds Held	
Fritz Bequest (MM)	\$2,367.99
Elizabeth Towle	\$3,090.11

FREEDOM FIRE & RESCUE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Freedom for their much needed support, the members of the department who respond to the request of the townspeople and their visitors, Care Plus Ambulance for their quick response to emergency calls in town, the police and highway department for their assistance throughout the year, and to the selectmen and the ladies of the town office for their assistance.

As you know the department applied, through the assistance, to firefighter grants for a new engine. In October, we received confirmation that we had been denied. On a positive note, the department received a forestry grant through the state of New Hampshire DRED. This grant is a 50/50 match. The department was awarded \$800 for the purchase of forestry equipment. We will continue to seek out grants as they become available.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin S Brooks
Fire Chief

Call Breakdown	
Structure Fire	0
Chimney Fire	3
Vehicle Fire	2
Dumpster Fire	0
Stove Fire	1
Fire Alarm	32
CO Alarm	3
Smoke Investigation	3
Brush/Woods Fire	2
Illegal Burn	5
Trees/Wires Down	15
MVA with Injury	4
MVA with no Injury	8
Snowmobile/ATV Accidents	0
Mutual Aid Fires	14
Ice/Water Rescue	0
Severe Weather	1
Search for Person	1
Service Calls	15
Police Standby	1
Medical Aid	214
Transports	160
Non Transports	68
ALS Care	19
Member Transporting with Ambulance	13
Transports in Ambulance other than NCA	0
Medic Intercepts	3
No Medical Responders	24
Mutual Aid Rescue	2
No Responders Available	21
Daytime Calls 7a-7p	199
Nighttime Calls 7p-7a	133
Duty Crew	87
Calls to Eaton	15
Vehicle through Ice	1
Total Calls for Service, 2016	332

POLICE REPORT

The staff of the Freedom Police Department currently consists of two full-time and five part-time officers. Sergeant Matthew Tyler and I are the full-time and the part-time Officers are Corporal Jon Evans, Officer Joe Duchesne, Officer Wayne Valley, Officer James Mullen and Officer Robert King.

This year we received a new cruiser in July. It is a Ford Police Interceptor with AWD. So far, I love it however as of the writing of this report I have not driven it in snowy conditions much. In order to keep miles off the new cruiser we kept the old one for some of the part time officers to use. This has worked out quite well. I am currently having a new computer system installed at the police department. The old system was installed in 2010 and in terms of technology that was a long time ago.

I try to get into the Monday night selectmen meetings as often as I can to give weekly updates of what the police department is doing. We handle or are involved with a plethora of calls for service. We made over 650 motor vehicle stops and covered 23 motor vehicle accidents, 3 of which were fatalities. Thankfully we only covered 4 burglaries this year. This is a very low number for us compared to past years. The summer is certainly our busy time. We were dispatched to over 30 disturbances this summer. A disturbance can be anything from a domestic disturbance to a fireworks complaint, a road rage incident or a loud party. Disturbances are like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get. Issues with drugs continue to be a problem statewide especially opiates.

Overall Freedom is a great place to live and work. We are a community oriented police department and we are always striving to make it better. In 2013 the Freedom Police Department budget was in the vicinity of \$375,000. The proposed budget for 2017 is around \$340,000. This was not an easy task considering costs for everything are going up. I've done my best to keep the same level of service for the town with less money to do it with.

I would like to thank all the townspeople for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Josh L. Shackford

Annual Report of the Transfer Station

This past summer we had a major failure with the power unit for the recycling compactor. Parts were no longer available to fix the problem so a new power unit was ordered. This took time to get and install. I would like to thank all of the patrons for being patient during this time.

In April, we held an earth day event allowing patrons to drop off certain items free of charge. We will be doing it again this year.

New starting this year, we will expand the summer hours starting the first Saturday in April to the last Sunday in September. At the request of most patrons, the winter mid week day will now be Wednesday instead of Tuesday. On a final note, new facility permits are due this year by May 31. I will have the new ones by the first of April.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the department heads and their staff, the selectmen, and my special thanks to the tax payers and patrons for your much needed support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin S Brooks
Transfer Station Manager

Transfer Station Schedule for 2017

Summer hours start the first Saturday in May

Closings:

Sunday, April 16 in observance of Easter

Tuesday, May 30

Tuesday, July 4

Tuesday, September 5

Openings:

Monday, May 29

Monday, July 3

Monday, September 4

Planning Board Submission to the Freedom Town Report

Under New Hampshire state law, The planning board acts on applications for subdivisions, site plan reviews, mergers of lots, and boundary line adjustments. We had all of these in 2016.

The board received an application for a major elderly housing subdivision for Sherwood Forest. The board approved the creation of 18 condominiums – standalone single family homes – for residents 55 and older.

The board received and approved two applications for minor subdivisions – both creating three lots from one. One was in the rural residential district and the other in the general residential district.

The board acted on two site plan reviews, both from camps. The board regularly sees site plans from camps as they upgrade their facilities to provide more space and comfort to their campers. Camp Cody added three cabins and relocated older cabins these were replacing for other purposes. Camp Robin Hood eliminated two cabins, rebuilding them slightly larger nearby to provide more space.

The board also approved two boundary line adjustments where owners of adjoining lots agreed to move their common boundary line to adjust the acreage between the two lots. The board also approved two mergers of lots. Mergers can be done with contiguous lots that have the same owner. Usually, these mergers are done with small lots where combining them can lead to a reduction in the tax burden on the single resulting lot.

The other statutory requirement of planning board to New Hampshire is to work on a master plan. The board is now updating the 2006 plan, using the community survey completed a year ago, to guide its efforts. The vision statement and demographics chapter are complete. Next up are the housing, land-use, natural resources, and transportation chapters. If you would like to be involved in the development of the master plan, please contact Janice at the town office (539-6323) and she will pass your name on to the board.

The planning board is proposing two changes to the zoning ordinance, which will be voted on the ballot on March 13, 2017.

1. In 2014, the NH Center for Public Policy Studies completed a major study of housing in the state titled “Big Houses, Small Households” that found a mismatch between what people needed for housing and what was available. In 2016, Governor Hassan signed Senate bill 146 requiring all NH towns to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs)—also called apartments or in law apartments. The goal of this legislation is to provide more options for housing—allowing people with large homes to create an attached ADU and to possibly provide more affordable housing.

Freedom’s zoning ordinance already has provisions for ADUs, but our current ordinance does not comply with all requirements of the new state law. The first ballot question asks voters to approve two changes required by the law to bring Freedom’s regulations into compliance with the new state rules:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. X as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Article 904 to remove sections 904.3.3 and 904.4.2, which restrict accessory dwelling units to one bedroom. Add a new section 904.3.3 to require a door (which is not required to be unlocked) between accessory dwelling units that are attached to the primary dwelling.

The full text of the section 904 is on file at the Town Clerk’s office and is available for public inspection during the Clerk’s normal business hours.

2. Properties on the water and with water access (e.g., Mountview, Ossipee Lake Village, Totem Pole) account for 66% of Freedom property values or tax base. The planning board is concerned with protecting the water quality of Freedom’s lakes and rivers that help maintain these property values. At a joint meeting between the planning board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), we learned that the ZBA is concerned with the rules for tree cutting in the shorefront. The state has regulations regarding the removal of trees along the

water. We are proposing the following addition to the Freedom zoning ordinance to allow the town to enforce these rules (rather than rely on the state to do it). Here is the proposed language:

304.6.6.3 Cutting allowed by this ordinance shall protect the shoreline and shall distribute the point value of trees remaining on the lot, not cutting to leave all points clustered in one area.

Proposed ballot language:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. X as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Add sections 304.6.6.3 to the zoning ordinance to specify how trees can be removed in the shorefront to control storm water run-off to better protect water quality?

My thanks to the Board!

The town is fortunate to have volunteers who give their time and talents to the Planning Board. I would like to thank Peter Park, the vice chair, who is tireless in his work for the board. I also want to thank members Bill Elliott, Jean Marshall, Maynard Thomson (who stepped down this year) and Paul Olzerowicz (who replaced him). Special thanks to Paul Elie, who chairs the Conservation Commission as well as sitting on the Planning Board. Paul took the lead in obtaining abutter status for the town on the Westward Shores expansion project, which was critical in allowing the town of Freedom to make arguments to the town of Ossipee and now to the NH courts to protect the water quality so important to Freedom. And finally, thanks to Les Babb, the Selectmen's Representative and Ernie Day, the Selectmen's alternate. Not only have they devoted their time to the Planning Board, they have taken the lead in championing the town's efforts on the Westward Shores project.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Cunningham, Chair

ZONING OFFICER

One concern in Freedom for years has been that of trying to create opportunities for lower cost housing. The general court of New Hampshire has declared that “there is a growing need for more diverse affordable housing opportunities for the citizens of New Hampshire.” Forty-five of those answering the latest Freedom survey felt that the Town should have more housing priced within the reach of young families and seniors, but when asked to pick one choice out of eleven important issues, only five percent picked more housing priced within reach of young families and seniors. My take is that most landowners would like to see lower cost housing, but the cost of any type of housing prohibits building with low rentals or sale price in mind. Are there other ways of effectively increasing the price to cost ratio by lowering the cost side of this equation? One possibility is through zoning.

If the Zoning Ordinance were changed to allow smaller lots, these lots could rent or be sold for less. But who wants more crowded buildings? Maybe these could be allowed in specified parts of Town, such as behind trees or sufficient distance, effectively hidden by zoning?

Another idea concerns large old houses presently in Town with older and fewer inhabitants sharing the upkeep and expense of maintenance of a large building. Renting rooms to several individuals sharing these hurdles would be a way of having less house per resident. Using the zoning ordinance creatively could provide for these types of uses.

The zoning ordinance at this time allows one apartment in or attached to a single family dwelling as long as all the conditions are met. Having a border reduces the need of building another house and creates the possibility of reducing rent in exchange for services. The latest Freedom Planning Board Survey mentions several possibilities, including single family homes, assisted living apartment developments for seniors, single apartment in home, apartment in a detached building, small clusters of homes, and multiple (2-4) units in one building.

Have you any ideas you would like to share?

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Hatfield

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed 15 applications in 2016; nine of those were requests for dimensional variances (requests to build new structures or additions which are located at least in part in the side, front, or rear setbacks). Seven of the requests for dimensional variances were granted. The Board also heard one application for an appeal from administrative decision. The Board also;

- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. & Mrs. Hatfield to cut trees in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Nelson to cut trees and construct a deck within 75 feet of a shoreline in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mrs. Cristoferi remove and replace a home in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception approving Ms. Christoferi erosion control plan in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mrs. McVitty a home occupation.

Special exceptions are uses that must meet criteria outlined in the zoning code. One application was withdrawn from the board.

The Board would like to hear from citizens or anyone who may be interested in serving on the board. Please contact a Board member or one of the Selectmen.

The Zoning Board would like to thank Dianne Parks for helping the Board during transition between recording secretaries.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lees Chairman

Freedom Building Inspector

Annual Report 2016

I took over for Bob Babine in the fall of 2016. Freedom had a good year for permits. There were 28 new homes totaling 6 million in value with 115 permits for mechanical/gas/electric/plumbing.

It appears from the permits so far that it will be a busy year again.

I look forward to serving the people of Freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

David A Senecal
Building Inspector

Freedom Conservation Commission

Annual Report 2016

ACCOMPLISHMENTS for 2016 included a unique challenge for the Freedom Conservation Commission (FCC) and the town of Freedom – the proposed expansion of Westward Shores Campground in Ossipee from 258 existing camp sites to 522 camp sites. After numerous meetings with various boards and committees, many environmental groups, surrounding towns in New Hampshire and Maine, and three engineering firms, the FCC unanimously voted in May to request input into the expansion project from the town of Ossipee based on “regional concerns.” Ossipee granted Freedom abutter status but refused to hear our concerns regarding serious violations of exiting Ossipee town ordinances and FEMA regulations. This matter is now being litigated by the Carroll County Court. The Ossipee Lake Protection Fund was established to raise awareness of, and funding for, litigation of this matter.

The Commission attempted to compile septic records of 450 shoreline residences in Freedom. Approximately 60% complete and incomplete records were found. A new record keeping system was established during the summer to capture all new applications to construct and operate new septic systems in Freedom and to update and maintain the new data base.

A nominal amount of stormwater training was completed during the summer.

GOALS for 2017 include:

- 1) Continue monitoring Westward Shores litigation
- 2) Continue fundraising efforts for Ossipee Lake Protection Fund

- 3) Update The Natural Resources Inventory for the Freedom Master Plan
- 4) Review Large-Scale Water Extraction Legislation
- 5) Review Groundwater Protection Ordinance
- 6) Explore Renewable Energy Options
- 7) Education: a) renewable energy, b) land acquisition & donation, c) well water testing

Thank You to all the Freedom Conservation Commission members for a very busy and productive year, including: John Roman (Vice Chair), Rob Hatch (member & Chair Forest Advisory Committee), Sarah Tabor, Kyle Johnson, Alice Custard, our newest member Cheryl Harris, Sue Hoople (alternate), and Greg Bossart (alternate). **Thanks** to the administrative staff, especially Dianne Park who makes sense of our meeting minutes and Janice Zecher & Karen Hatch who guide us along from the town offices. And a very **Special Thanks** to Anne Cunningham for her endless hours of work researching, guiding, and assisting with the Westward Shores effort to protect our town's invaluable water resources.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Elie
Chair

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Town Forest seems to grow in it's popularity as a source of recreation and enjoyment for a variety of people. The maintained trails provide miles of coverage on foot, horseback, snowmobile, ski, snowshoe, or by mountain bike. Scenic overviews draw in many to take in the splendor of the earth, with such as the view from Mary's Mountain. Trout Pond itself brings folks to fish, or simply sit by the shore to bask in it's serenity. Wildlife and bird watchers have ample opportunity, as do hunters and anglers. Blueberry picking along the airstrip has become a very popular pastime. There does not seem to be day go by that someone doesn't find themselves drawn to the nature of the Town Forest, with interests and enjoyment that unfold upon all four seasons.

For those unfamiliar with the Town Forest, guided hikes are planned for this coming spring, to give people a chance to learn of, experience, and appreciate the wonders of our Town Forest.

Aside from people pursuits, the Forest Advisory focuses great concern for wildlife, with the enhancement, creation, and maintenance of wildlife habitat. It is not “old growth” forests that hold the greatest potential for wildlife habitat; It is maintaining a wide variety in age class and diversity of timber stands, food supplies, water, and grasslands that allow wildlife to flourish to their best potential. The forest we adopted was weak on it's open space field component. For the past decade, the FAC has systematically moved to create field components, by over-sizing the log landings at key locations. Twelve log landings were enlarged, stumped, limed, fertilized, and seeded, to create valuable feed, cover, and nesting for our resident wildlife.

These field openings require annual maintenance, with mowing, brush hogging, liming, and re-fertilization. To date, the FAC has been funding this maintenance through revenues generated from its

annual timber harvests, as the land was shaped and groomed into a proper sustainable forest.

As logging proceeds decrease in the foreseeable future, alternative funding needs to be explored if these critical forest habitats are to be sustained. At this time, the FAC is considering to pursue the support of “sponsors” for these critical wildlife areas, with the names of benefactors listed in our annual report, and a sign posted at each clearing, indicating the person or group who sponsors each Wildlife Area over a given time. If anyone who realizes the importance of the effort, and wishes to consider sponsoring such a wildlife area, Please contact the Forest Advisory Committee with your interest.

My thanks go out to the FAC who keep the forest in clean and working order, our Town Forester for his guidance, the Conservation Commission, and Board of Selectmen for their participation in managing the Forest.

Rob Hatch

Chairman, Forest Advisory Committee

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE (FAISC)

New Hampshire attracts visitors from many areas – both domestic and international – and our lakes and streams are a key attraction. Invasive species are becoming a significant challenge throughout the country and we have not escaped this serious threat to our environment and our economy. Here on the Ossipee Lake system, we are currently focused on variable milfoil – an aquatic invasive plant that is remarkably adaptable. Left unchecked this non-native species will spread dramatically as it has no native competition. Complete eradication is all but impossible so our work deals with minimizing current infestations through active management and employing preventative measures to reduce the risk of new infestations.

Unfortunately, other invasive species are knocking at our door (e.g. in the southern part of New Hampshire) so we must remain vigilant.

Human activity is believed to be the primary mechanism for the spreading of variable milfoil. Therefore, educating all of our water body users is essential to our work. In order to take a more proactive approach to the problem of invasive species, we again applied for and received a Lake Host grant, from New Hampshire Lakes Association, that allowed us to conduct boat inspections and provide education to visitors of Lake Ossipee and its bays. In addition last year, we received a very generous donation from Gerard Costantino which allowed for expanded coverage of the boat ramp (going from 2 to 4 days a week). Through the support of Kevin Price, owner of Ossipee Lake Marina, and his general manager Tim Kupka, we were able to conduct 788 boat inspections last summer at this location. We would like to especially thank Nancy Johnson who was again our paid Lake Host for 2016. Her dedication and performance are appreciated!

One of the most enjoyable aspects of our FAISC efforts is being on the lakes and ponds as we:

- Conduct surveys to look for new infestations and to characterize existing milfoil sites.
- Work with contractors as we help them to prioritize the work and ensure local support.
- Respond to calls from citizens who may have identified an invasive species.

We continue to work closely with the milfoil groups of Effingham and Ossipee to communicate what we are doing as well as to learn from their progress. Since several infestations now cross town boundaries, coordination is critical.

Once again in 2016 we took a dual path approach to milfoil control:

- Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) - services provided by AB Aquatics
- Herbicide treatment - services provided by SOLitude

DASH efforts began in the June timeframe and continued through October as we worked a number of areas in Middle Danforth, the channel to Upper Danforth, Upper Danforth (a.k.a. Huckins Pond), the Ossipee River and near the Ossipee Lake Marina. A total of 23.5 days of work was completed.

In June we did a herbicide treatment that included 19.3 acres of Upper Danforth (Huckins Pond).

Feedback from lake abutters has been positive towards all of this work. A number of residents are again able to use their swimming areas due to the significant reduction of variable milfoil.

We were fortunate to receive NHDES grants again this year to supplement out local funding sources. A number of local groups and individuals made contributions to the milfoil gift account of the town. We sincerely thank you for your generosity!

As new areas of infestation are added, we find that the total area that must be managed is increasing over time. This is due to the fact that once an area is infested, ongoing management will be required. In the early years (e.g. 2002) we mitigated an area of about 2 acres while recent treatment areas have been more than 20 acres!

Spending is summarized as follows:

- \$9,500. Town budget
- \$9,250. Milfoil gift account spend (citizens and businesses)
- \$461.64 Admin.

Total Spend = \$19,211.64

FAISC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Gerard Costantino, Bill Elliott, Bruce Howlett, Ned Kucera (Co-chair), and Jim McElroy (Chair).

TECHNICAL/ADMIN. SUPPORT

We thank the town administrative staff, Karen Hatch, Janice Zecher and Dianne Park who support us with timely and accurate schedules, meeting notes and postings.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McElroy, Chairman FAISC

2017 FAISC MEETING DATES

January 12
February – no meeting
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December – no meeting

HERITAGE COMMISSION OF FREEDOM, NH

Annual Report for the year 2016

This Commission was established at the March 2009 Town Meeting for the purpose of researching and recording the history of buildings and land features in the Town of Freedom, NH, offering education to the public and responding to all Town's Boards and private organizations and individuals on their questions regarding these matters.

The seven members and five alternates meet five times a year to report, plan and transact formal business of the Commission. Agenda and approved meeting minutes are available on the Town Web Site and in printed form at the Town Office. The public is always welcome at these meetings and to participate in the activities.

The real work is done by members, associates and friends outside of the meetings. We have a list of projects that will take years to accomplish. During 2016 our efforts were focused on:

- We provided guidance on the application for State historical status of the Village Store and subsequent purchase of a bronze plaque designating award of State Historical status.
- Inventories of sites are available digitally through the Freedom Historical Society. The Commission will continue to work with Town Administration on a procedure to have research information available to all on the internet.
- On the first Sunday afternoon of OHW Alan Fall presented a visual history of the land granting of the Freedom area and the key people involved. This presentation is available on DVD disk.
- In cooperation with the Historical Society our member, Alan Fall conducted a very successful walking tour of

Old Portland Road from the Town Square to Scarborough Road during OHW.

- The Commission assisted the Select Board with drafting of a Warrant Article to renovate the Roller Shed and obtained a grant of \$10,000 from the Conservation License Plate program of the Division of Historical Places to cover costs of restoring the building.

Members and alternates contributed 1,210 hours to the accomplishment of Commission business in 2016.

Sincerely,

Alan Fall - Chairperson
Ernie Day Jr. - Member and SB Rep.
Gale Morris - Vice-Chairperson
Raymond Dahlstrom, Alternate
Bob Smart - Secretary/Treasurer
Lee Fritz, Alternate
Bonnie Burroughs, Member
Phil Griffin, Alternate
Scott Cunningham, Member
Maureen Elliott, Alternate
Peg Scully, Member
(open), Alternate

ROAD AGENT REPORT

2016 NOTES:

- Mild winter weather for January, February, and March. Most storms were freezing rain, a few snow storms most with only 2 or 3 inches before freezing rain.
- Posted weight limit signs 2-29-16
- Snow equipment cleaned and painted 4-18-16 and 4-19-16
- Drizzle to snow 2.5 inches we plowed the roads 4-26-16

IMPROVEMENTS:

- Trees and brush clearing – Ossipee Lake Rd, Bennett Rd, Shawtown Rd, and Beach Club Dr.
- Yellow Center Line and White Edge Line – Ossipee Lake Rd, Bennett Rd, Shawtown Rd, and Pequawket Trail
- Crack Sealing – Ossipee Lake and Bennett Roads
- Road Side Mowing – Watson Hill, Burnham, Youngs Hill, Cold Brook, Rice Hill, Moulton, Swett Hill, Scarboro, Loon Lake, Kidder, Round Pond, and Freedom Point Roads
- Large Tree Removal – Loon Lake, Round Pond, Freedom Point, Burnham, Cold Brook, and Watson Hill Roads
- Graveling – Beach Club Drive, Parts of Cold Brook, West Danforth Roads
- Shoulder Restoration – Ossipee Lake, Bennett, Shawtown, Watson Hill, Moulton, and Swett Hill Roads.
- Resurfacing – Ossipee Lake, Bennett, Shawtown, and Watson Hill Roads

NEW OR REPLACEMENT CULVERTS:

- Ossipee Lake Road - 16 cross pipes, 8 precast headwalls, 2 frame and covers, 3 mortar and rubble headwalls, and 3 culvert extensions
- Square Brook – Removed a 6 foot culvert, Installed 6' x 10' precast concrete box culvert with new guard rail

NEW EQUIPMENT:

- 2016 Ford F550 with Dump Body and Plow Frame
- 2016 Highway Super P High Capacity Stainless Steel Sander

NEW FABRICATIONS:

- 2011 Ford F550 – Replaced old dump body with aluminum flatbed.
(Built by Tom Huckman)

BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Exterior Painting – Highway Garage, Salt Shed, Fuel Shed, and Sander Storage Shed

This year has been a tough one for those of us that serve you, the Residents of Freedom. As you were there to pay your respects to some of our dedicated lifelong Freedom Residents, Thank you.

The many challenges of this past year were met head on with persistence, diligence, and quality of workmanship, all with safety in mind.

The Highway Department installed all the new drainage under the Ossipee Lake Rd, and it had to be one of the hottest summers on record. I thank the crew for their flexibility and willingness to complete all the tasks we encountered together as a team, a great job well done guys!

Respectfully Submitted

Scott N. Brooks Sr.

Road Agent

FREEDOM OLD HOME WEEK

This year was the 118th celebration of Freedom Old Home Week, from Friday evening July 29, through Sunday, August 7. The theme for 2016 was simply “Freedom”; to be interpreted as a concept or as a town. The tee shirt design was a creation by Freedom’s Kim Reis. Kim feels her discovery of the beautiful town of Freedom with its active and friendly citizens is one of the best things ever to happen to her. Her design aptly captures both the concept of Freedom as a place and freedom as an American privilege. The popular design, an outline of the state of NH with an American flag denoting the location of Freedom, created a merchandise sell out.

This year’s collectible tile was designed by Freedom’s Nancy Essex, a professional artist who is inspired to paint by her experiences in Freedom. The tile features the Roller Shed, recently added to the Register of Historic Places in Freedom, and includes an oxen team pulling a snow roller.

Rubber Ducky Day, held the last Saturday in June, was our big event to raise money for all of the Old Home Week activities. Merchandise displaying our theme was first made available for sale on Ducky Day. New this year was a whimsical duck shirt designed for the younger set by Susan Boruki who spends a lot of time in Freedom with her family. The day was filled with fun activities and happenings all over town, at the library, church and store, to augment the party. The ever popular hay wagon rides and rides on Freedom’s vintage fire truck were packed all day. The Mason’s cooked up food for all to enjoy while waiting for the ducks to start racing over the falls. And for the children we had fun games and prizes while waiting for the big race. Of course, Mr. Duck came back to town for the event and is now part of a lot of selfies! Ticket sales were brisk up until race time and by the start of the race all 1,200 tickets were sold. During the race, the bridge was packed with spectators cheering on their ducks. As there hadn’t been a lot of rain and the Mill Pond level was low, the duck herders used leaf blowers to urge the ducks towards the falls.

Old Home Week brought picture perfect weather to Freedom and all activities were held without any weather delay except for a little rain at the start of water sports. The lawn party kicked off the week with Sam Southworth again providing the background musical entertainment. The record breaking crowd was entertained with all sorts of food choices and the opportunity to meet up with a lot of new residents and visitors as well as old friends. And everyone got to congratulate the Grand Marshalls for the parade, Bill and Sally Stoops. Freedom's tradition of having the lawn party at the Freedom Gallery continued as the new owner, Barbara McEvoy, shared her art work in her barn's gallery.

Of course everyone came out for the parade as the route was packed with people listening to all of their favorite returning bands and cheering on floats, the Church's music camp, antique cars, motorcycles, and trucks, the Shriner's mini cars and fire equipment from Freedom and area towns. A new band, the Bluff Point Quahog Diggers, made their first appearance in NH at our parade and they were a true crowd pleaser. While they aren't professional clam diggers they did dress the part while playing traditional fife and drum corps scores with swing. The crowd was also delighted by the first time appearance of the Spyders motorcycle touring club with their decorated rides.

The rest of the week continued with all of our popular events including the cardboard boat race, paint night, historical walks, mountain and town forest hikes, water and land sports, family bingo, ping pong, ice cream social, road race, tennis tournament, talent show, and Fireman's lobster supper. The ice cream social featured our third time returning band, the Cedar Mountain Boys, bringing us great bluegrass music. A record crowd was again at the social and the Mason's even sold out of ice cream.

New this year at the cardboard boat race was an ice cream social served by the residents and staff of Neuro Restorative Freedom House. Also new was the NH Lakes Association's Watershed Warrior Activity Circuit designed to increase awareness of the need to protect our waterways.

Also new this year was a contra dance following the talent show led by Freedom's own fiddlers, Shana Aisenberg and Gale Johnsen. Before the dance began, they shared with the crowd details of Freedom's famous fiddler, Edson Cole, now resting in Lakeview Cemetery, whom some residents remember from barn dances years ago.

We would like to thank all of the alliances that are in place throughout the community for their support of Old Home Week by presenting all the events that are not run by the Old Home Week Committee. Notably, the Freedom Library and Friends of the Library for their many popular programs, book and bake sales and raffle; the First Christian Church for their welcome home breakfast and music camp performance as well as the blessing of the animals and quilt, bike and bake sales, luncheon at the craft fair, and closing Church service ; the Masons for providing and serving ice cream at the social; the South Eaton Meeting House Association for their fair and luncheon; Freedom Village Condos for their support of the cardboard boat races and Neuro Restorative Freedom House for serving ice cream at the races; NH Lakes Association for bringing their Watershed Warrior activity to the races; Freedom Eagles PTA for running the family bingo event; Freedom Village Store for selling Old Home Week merchandise and for providing food on parade day; Freedom Conservation Commission and Forest Advisory Committee for hike and tour leaders; Silver Lake Singers for providing a musical evening; Freedom's Historical Society for their open house and new exhibit unveiling as well as for their historical walk working with Freedom Heritage Commission; also Freedom Historical Commission for providing a speaker event; Lakeview Cemetery Association for providing goodies at the parade and the talent show; Loon Lake Association for use of their facilities for the water sports event; Freedom Eagles PTA for running the bingo event; Freedom Community Club for running the craft fair; NH Fish & Game for supporting the fishing skills event; and Freedom Fire Department for producing the lobster supper. And thank you to the staff and counselors at Camp Huckins for running the water sports event. Thank you to Camp Calumet for running the land sports event as well as providing invaluable service to the parade and 5K road race.

We would like to thank the Town of Freedom for their financial support and all the local sponsors who support our programs. Notably, we would like to thank those local businesses that financially support the 5K road race event; James C. Farinella Building & Remodeling, Gerard Costantino Real Estate, Paul Wheeler of RE/MAX Presidential Real Estate, and Cormack Construction Management, Inc. And thanks to all the Old Home Week committee members, all the many event volunteers, land owners and vehicle owners, police and fire departments, town officials and Freedom's residents and visitors who made this event a success, fun for all ages, while preserving Freedom's history of the spirit of an Old Home Week celebration.

Watch our website, freedomoldhomeweek.net, and our Facebook page, Freedom Old Home Week, for 2017's activities. Rubber Ducky Day is scheduled for June 24, 2017 and Old Home Week will run from July 28 through August 6 in 2017. Parade day will be July 29, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Stoddard, Chairperson, Old Home Week Committee 2016

Old Home Week Committee Members and Event Leaders:

Nancy Griffin (Co-Chair), Janet Meyers (Treasurer), Shana Aisenberg, Wendy Barrett-Manhard, Nancy Bossi, Neal Boyle, Gail Bizer, Sylvia Carney, Lisa Charette, Cindy Clancy, Bonnie and Paul Elie, Scott Emond, Eileen Daggert, Bill Elliott, Alan Fall, Michael Gaudette, Rick Gleeson, Marilyn Goodwin, Gale Johnsen, Arlene Knight, Ned Kucera, Susan Marks, Barabara McEvoy, Jack Monteiro, Karl Ogren, Helen Cheese-Probert, Kim Reis, Elizabeth Rhymer, Judy Robertson, Marcia Santner, Pete Schiller, John Shipman, Dan Spear, Ellie Stokes, Brian Taylor, Dianna and Steve Thurston, Paul Tung, and Nancy and Pastor Larry Wogman.

OSSIPEE LAKE DAM AUTHORITY’S REPORT
2016

The following is a report of the expenses of the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority for the year 2016. Figures for the split between the two towns are based on the assessed equalized value of the two towns. These are furnished by the State of New Hampshire DRA.

Sum Required by DES	\$30,000.00
Expenditures in 2016	\$14,035.19

Equalization Assessment Value

Ossipee:	\$657,738,683	57.9% of \$14,035.19 = <u>\$8,126.38</u>
Freedom:	\$477,419,994	42.1% of \$14,035.19 = <u>\$5,908.82</u>

The figures are revised according to the NH Equalization Assessment Value in order to bring the deficit of the past year up to \$30,000, the beginning balance of the coming year.

The following is a report of expenses for the Dam Authority for the year 2016:

Eversource (PSNH)	\$ 216.34
Post Master	48.00
FairPoint	507.85
John Picard: Chairman (Salary)	5,000.00
Paul Clausen: Tres/Sec (Salary)	500.00
Snow Removal	270.00
DES Bear Camp Gage	<u>7,493.00</u>

Total Expenses October 2015-September 2016 \$14,035.19

Submitted
Paul Clausen
Secretary/Treasurer

September 2016

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2016

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME CURRENT YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
	COMMON TRUST:										
1919	Nancy Skillings	Cem P/C	Savings	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1919	Nancy Burns	All	All	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1922	Lord & Fowler			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1922	Eliza A Alley			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1924	Ina E Foss			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1924	Metcalf & Cushing			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1924	M C & Stephen Allard			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.27	0.27	0.00	150.00
1924	Edward H Nason			210.00	0.00	0.00	210.00	0.38	0.38	0.00	210.00
1925	AR & Lilla Bennett			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1927	FW Towle			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.89	0.89	0.00	500.00
1927	Parsons Yard			700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	1.25	1.25	0.00	700.00
1927	J C Libby & V H Connors Lots			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.89	0.89	0.00	500.00
1928	John W Smith			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1928	Jennie Meserve			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1932	James Wood			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1935	George W Chase			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1937	Joseph H Corson			50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.09	0.09	0.00	50.00
1937	Hulda J Downing			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1938	Godfrey Fund			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1939	Frank P Corson			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1939	Lavinia F Farnsworth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1939	Howard B Moulton			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1940	Ellen Mitchel			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1941	Stevens, Sweiser, Marston, Harmon			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.80	0.80	0.00	450.00
	TOTAL (page 1 cemetery funds)			4,560.00	0.00	0.00	4,560.00	8.15	8.15	0.00	4,560.00

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	COMMON TRUST:										
1943	Jessie Drew	Cem P/C	Savings	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1948	Jessie S Allard	All	All	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1952	Minnie R Towle			112.00	0.00	0.00	112.00	0.20	0.20	0.00	112.00
1952	John J Giles			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1953	Carrie B Moses			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1957	Minnie A Easman			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1957	F M Meloon & J M Parsons			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1958	Elsie M Thurston			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1958	Ernest A Leavitt			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1958	Kezar Cemetery Fund			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1958	Moulton Cemetery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1959	George & Alfreda Hayes			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1960	Chester H Drake			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.89	0.89	0.00	500.00
1963	Emelie P Holmgren			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1963	Charles H Watts			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.80	0.80	0.00	450.00
1963	Nelson C Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1965	Giles Lot - Swetts Hill			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1965	Cutting Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1965	Andrews Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1966	Lord Cemetery			2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	3.58	3.58	0.00	2,000.00
1966	Florence Seymour			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.89	0.89	0.00	500.00
1968	John Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1968	John C & Marie Lee			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1968	Jesse Nason & Beck Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL (pages 1 and 2 cemetery trust funds)			10,622.00	0.00	0.00	10,622.00	18.99	18.99	0.00	10,622.00

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2016

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE START OF YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	NEW FUNDS	BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME CURRENT YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
1969	COMMON TRUST:										
1969	Albert Phinney	Cem P/C	Savings	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.27	0.27	0.00	150.00
1969	Drake Lot	All	All	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.54	0.54	0.00	300.00
1972	Lord Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1973	B F Allard & J Durgin			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1976	Charles Bryant Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1977	David Smith Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1977	Albion & Alonzo Pease Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1982	Winston V & Margaret Morrow			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1982	Stephen & Elmira Danforth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1987	Ernest & Rachel Mulvery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1988	Gordon D Stokes			800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	1.43	1.43	0.00	800.00
1988	Pauline Sargent Rounds			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.36	0.36	0.00	200.00
1988	Abe Sargent			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1988	Frederick & Elisabeth Towle			300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.54	0.54	0.00	300.00
1988	Mary S Morrison			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1989	Charles & Mary H Stewart			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1989	William A & Sally Stoops			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
1989	David Sargent			40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	40.00
1989	Town Cemetery Fund			1,841.00	0.00	0.00	1,841.00	3.29	3.29	0.00	1,841.00
	TOTAL ALL CEMETERY FUNDS			15,653.00	0.00	0.00	15,653.00	27.98	27.98	0.00	15,653.00
1938	Belinda C Wood	Library	Savings	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1.78	1.78	0.00	1,000.00
1985	Ernest Myrick	Library	Savings	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS			1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1.96	1.96	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS*			16,753.00	0.00	0.00	16,753.00	29.94	29.94	0.00	16,753.00

* To be reported to NH state authorities on Form MS-10: Report of Common Trust Fund Investments

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2016

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
GENERAL FUNDS:											
Expendable Trust Funds:											
2001	Special Education	School Dist	Savings	150,564.71	50,000.00	0.00	200,564.71	276.46	0.00	276.46	200,841.17
2002	Road Right-of-Way	Road Right	Savings	5,973.22	0.00	0.00	5,973.22	10.67	0.00	10.67	5,983.89
2006	Mitfol Removal	Remediation	Savings	6,101.59	0.00	0.00	6,101.59	10.90	0.00	10.90	6,112.49
2009	Freedom Public Library	Maintain Bldg	Savings	7,577.49	2,500.00	0.00	10,077.49	13.70	0.00	13.70	10,091.19
2015	School Tuition Stabilization	School Tuitt	Savings	200,053.58	50,000.00	0.00	250,053.58	364.91	0.00	364.91	250,418.49
2016	Employee Health Ins Expenses	Employee P	Savings	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	1,000.06
	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS			370,270.59	103,500.00	0.00	473,770.59	676.70	0.00	676.70	474,447.29
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:											
1996	School Bus	School Dist	Savings	169,776.73	80,000.00	0.00	249,776.73	315.23	0.00	315.23	250,091.96
1989	Highway Equipment Fund	Equipment	Savings	42,230.65	0.00	0.00	42,230.65	75.47	0.00	75.47	42,306.12
2002	Fire Department Equipment	Equipment	Savings	41,277.10	0.00	0.00	41,277.10	73.76	0.00	73.76	41,350.86
2006	Municipal Land & Building	Town Buildi	Savings	67,852.97	12,000.00	0.00	79,852.97	121.99	0.00	121.99	79,974.96
2007	Transfer Station Equipment	Equipment	Savings	15,736.90	5,000.00	11,000.00	9,736.90	28.42	0.00	28.42	9,765.32
2009	School Building Maintenance	School Dist	Savings	66,301.83	80,800.00	0.00	147,101.83	130.42	0.00	130.42	147,232.25
2011	Police Dept. Equipment	Equipment	Savings	25,298.50	10,000.00	25,000.00	10,298.50	45.82	0.00	45.82	10,344.32
2011	Town Hall and Office	Maint Town	Savings	20,301.82	0.00	0.00	20,301.82	36.28	0.00	36.28	20,338.10
2012	Highway Drainage Struct Improv	Rpic Filling	Savings	21,168.51	10,000.00	0.00	31,168.51	38.43	0.00	38.43	31,206.94
2014	School Technology	School Dist	Savings	50,129.51	0.00	0.00	50,129.51	89.59	0.00	89.59	50,219.10
2014	Water Systems Repairs Fund	Rprs to Exis	Savings	14,094.21	4,656.00	5,282.50	13,467.71	18.86	0.00	18.86	13,486.57
2015	Town Infrastructure	Road/Bridg	Savings	250,132.60	0.00	0.00	250,132.60	447.03	0.00	447.03	250,579.63
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES			784,301.33	202,456.00	41,282.50	945,474.83	1,421.30	0.00	1,421.30	946,896.13
TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS**											
				1,171,324.92	305,956.00	41,282.50	1,435,998.42	2,127.94	29.94	2,098.00	1,438,096.42

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father/Partner</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
02/01/16	Jones, Henry Robert	Jones, Stephen	Jones, Kathryn	N. Conway
02/04/16	Dubois, Bryden Nicholas	Dubois, Dylan	Stinchfield, Arianna	N. Conway
09/07/16	Towle, Norah Kathryn	Towle, Jeffrey	Wilcox, Kellie	N. Conway
10/07/16	Ward, Brantley James		Ward, Katlynn	N. Conway
11/11/16	Willey, Tessa Gaylen	Willey, Gordon	Grouleau, Sarah	N. Conway

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
01/07/16	Manchester	Abbott, Everett	Unknown	Abbott, Elizabeth
03/15/16	N. Conway	Burroughs, Herbert	Burroughs, Ralph	Hooper, Luella
03/20/16	Lebanon	Thompson, Janet	Blodgett, Harold	Miller, Gertrude
03/28/16	Freedom	Sargent, Brenda	Mason, Oliff	Huntress, Adella
07/18/16	Ossipee	Dwyer, James	Dwyer, Bernard	Sheehan, Rose
08/28/16	Freedom	Haslett, Alice	Meserve, Frank Sr	Emerson, Marguerite
09/30/16	Freedom	Mayhew, Bruce	Pevin, Wilfred	Bettasso, Pearl
10/28/16	N. Conway	Howell, John	Howell, Raymond	Colby, Eleanor
10/29/16	N. Conway	Clark, Bruce	Clark, Maurice	Carlin, Isabella
11/05/16	Freedom	Fortin, Andre	Fortin, Wilfrid	Levesque, Adrienne
11/12/16	Meredith	Godfrey, Elizabeth	Rousseau, Louis	Clarke, Catherine
11/18/16	N. Conway	Rowell, Judith	Howard, Harry	Sanphy, Barbara
11/19/16	N. Conway	Brooks, G. Wendell	Brooks, Daniel	Strong, Mildred

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Please note the following death, submitted at the request of family and/or spouse:

03/09/15	N. Andover, MA	Emelianoff, Michael D.	Emelianoff, Dimitri	Zapassoff, Natalie
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Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name and Surname of Person A and Person B</u>	<u>Residence at time of marriage</u>
03/09/16	Donovan, John F. Jackson, Idell R.	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
06/02/16	Smith, Emma-Louise Theresa Davies, Rhodri	Clunderwen, Pembrokeshire Clunderwen, Pembrokeshire UK
07/09/16	Abend, Chana Sarah Kilmartin, Rory Jonathan Paul	London, UK London, UK
08/13/16	Corbett, Eugene M. Jr. Burke, Kathleen A.	Freedom, NH Newburyport, MA
08/28/16	Sindoni, Sarah Lyn Faris, Christopher John Jr.	Woburn, MA Woburn, MA
09/03/16	Conger, Samuel Shawn Cassell, Abigail Patricia	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
09/04/16	Birnie, Katherine Pittet Keysor, Wayne Christopher	Baltimore, MD Baltimore, MD
11/05/16	McDougal, Heather Marie Conlan, Gregory Thomas	Roslindale, MA Roslindale, MA

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FREEDOM
REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Board or Committee of interest? _____

Resident: Yes/No (circle one) Registered Voter: Yes/No(circle one)

How long have you lived in Freedom? _____

Are you able to attend monthly meetings? _____

Have you served on any commissions or boards? _____

If so, which ones? _____

If not, what is your background or experience pertaining to this board or committee? _____

Are you willing to attend classes and/or seminars to educate yourself about laws and procedures for the desired position? _____

Current clubs or organizations you are affiliated with: _____

In your own words, why do you want to serve on this board or committee and what can you contribute? _____

(Please use back or additional sheet, if necessary)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return this form to the Freedom Town Office or mail to:

Freedom Board of Selectmen
PO Box 227 Freedom, NH 03836

SELECTMEN

Leslie Babb, Chairman

Ernest Day, Jr.

Neal Boyle

Hours:

Monday 6:30 pm

Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thurs 8am to 3pm

Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN CLERK

A. Elizabeth Priebe

Office Hours:

Monday Evenings 6:30 to 8pm

Tuesday 12 noon to 8pm

Wednesday 9am to 3pm & 6:30 to 8pm

Saturday 9am to 12 noon

Telephone: 539-8269

TAX COLLECTOR

Annette Babb

Office Hours: Dec-Mar

Monday 11am – 1pm

Wednesday 1pm – 3pm

Saturday 9am – 12pm

Telephone: 539-5572

ZONING OFFICER

Ned Hatfield

Office Hours:

Thursday 9am – 2pm

Telephone 539-6323

BUILDING CODE OFFICER

Dave Senecal

Office Hours:

Thursday 9am – 2pm

Telephone: 539-6323

*Meeting times and office hours
are subject to change.*

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Memorial Day 05/29/17

July 4 07/04/17

Labor Day 09/04/17

Columbus Day 10/09/17

Thanksgiving Day 11/23/17

Christmas 12/25/17

New Years 01-01-18

Civil Rights Day 01/15/18

Presidents Day 02/19/18

TOWN CLERK'S HOLIDAY & ELECTION DAY CLOSINGS

Town Meeting –Part 1 03/14/17

Town Meeting – Part 2 03/18/2017

Memorial Day Weekend

05/27/17 & 5/29/17

July 4th 07/04/2017

Old Home Day 07/29/17

Labor Day Weekend

09/02/17 & 09/04/17

Columbus Day 10/9/17

Christmas 12/23/17, 12/25/17,
12/26/17

New Years 12/30/17, 01/01/18

Civil Rights Day 01/15/18

President's Day 02/19/18

Town Meeting 03/13/18

TRANSFER/RECYCLING FACILITY

Winter Hours:

Begin last Sunday in September

Wed. & Sat. 8 am to 4pm

Sunday 9am to 4pm

Summer Hours:

Begin first Saturday in May

Tues., Thurs., Sat. & Sunday

8am to 5pm

Telephone: 539-5364

